

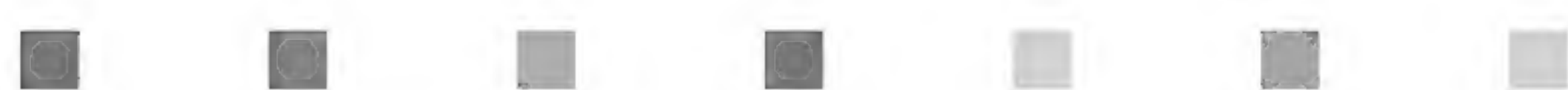


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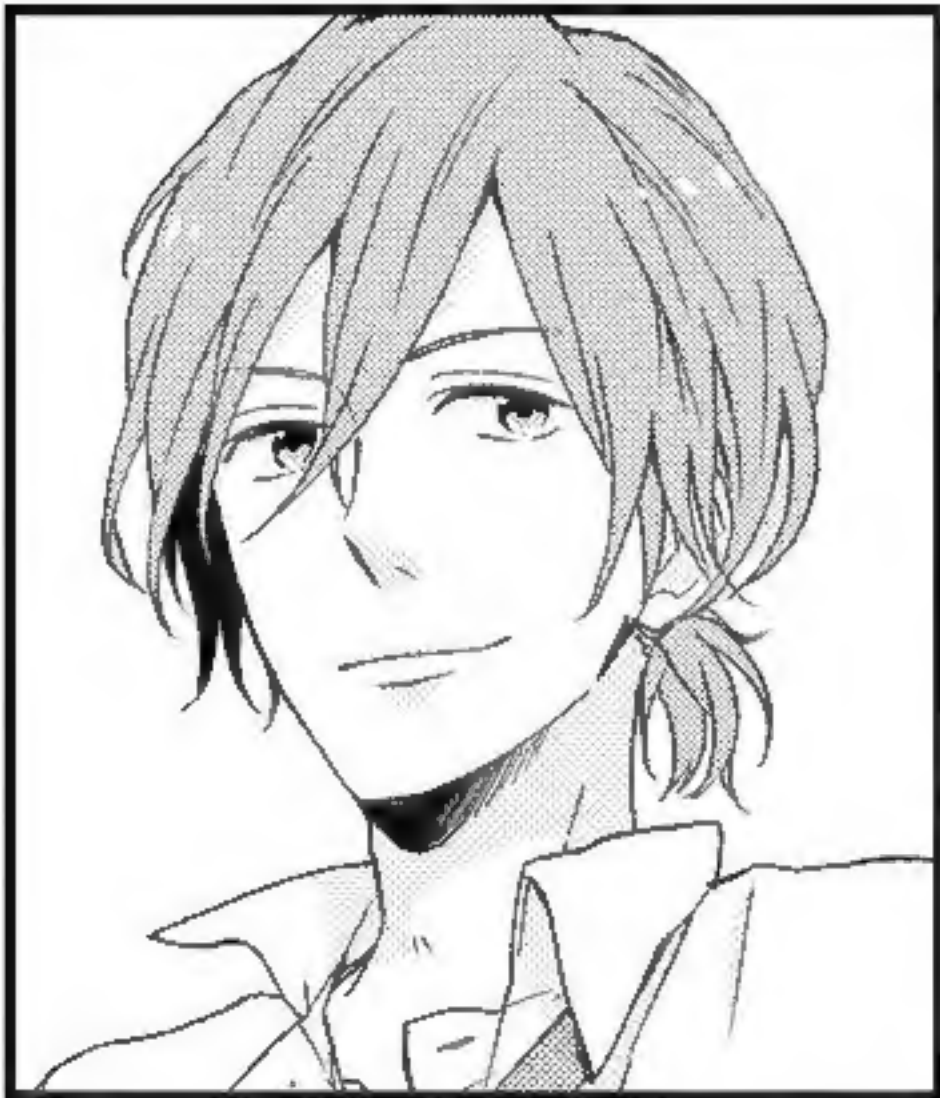
CHARACTERS



NATSUKI HASHIBA
A dreamer with a pure and romantic heart.
Nickname: Natchan.



KEIICHI KATAKURA
Always smiling, but actually a sadist. Never without his whip.
Nickname: Kei-chan.



TOMOYA MATSUNAGA
A narcissist playboy who loves girls. Tends to involve himself in other people's problems.
Nickname: Mattsun.



TSUYOSHI NAOE
An otaku. Cannot read the room, but gets great grades.
Nickname: Tsuyopon.



ANNA KOBAYAKAWA
The oblivious object of Natsuki's affections. Doesn't talk much. Does things at her own pace.



MARI TSUTSUI
A beautiful girl besotted with Anna. She and Mattsun loathe each other.



YUKIKO ASAI
Tsuyoshi's girlfriend. A cosplayer.
Nickname: Yukirin.



MR. KATAKURA
Kei-chan's big brother. Teaches math at their school.



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Chapter 4



Rainbow Days vol. 2 is underway!

I included a profile for Natchan in this volume, but I'm kind of wondering if there was any demand in the first place...

Should I do the other characters?



I've got a craving for walnut bread!



**ME!
I'LL DO
IT!**



WHAT
WAS
THAT?

...HAS
BEGUN.

OUR
SECOND
YEAR
OF HIGH
SCHOOL...



NO,
IDIOT!

HE'S
AIMING TO
BECOME THE
TEACHER'S
PET THIS
YEAR.

YOU
DON'T
GET IT?
COME
ON!

WHY
DID YOU
VOLUN-
TEER?

YOU
ALWAYS
SAID THOSE
COMMITTEES
WERE TOO
MUCH
WORK.

YOU
GOT ME,
MATTSUN!
♡



SURE
DID!

I WORKED UP
THE COURAGE
TO ASK FOR
HERS AFTER
THAT STUDY
SESSION!

Praise me!

A TEXT?!
YOU
TRADED
CONTACTS?!

FINALLY!



I AM!
♡

I had
no
idea.

WOW.
YOU'RE
MAKING
PROGRESS.



SHE TOLD
ME IN A
TEXT.
♡ ♡

KOBAYAKAWA'S
JOINING THE
BEAUTIFICATION
COMMITTEE
AGAIN THIS
YEAR.



SO? WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT?

**WE KNOW
ALREADY.**

SHE EVEN SAID
SHE ENJOYED
SPENDING TIME
ALONE WITH ME!

IT'S BEEN
SO FUN
LATELY!

HM?
NOTHING.

You've
told us
a million
times.



...

YEAH... I
THINK I'LL
TAKE MY
TIME.
RIGHT.

THAT'S NOT
REALLY
NATCHAN'S
STYLE.

Push
it,
man!

WHAT?!
WHEN A
GIRL SAYS
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
TO YOU,
YOU GO
FOR IT!



MEETING
YUKIRIN.

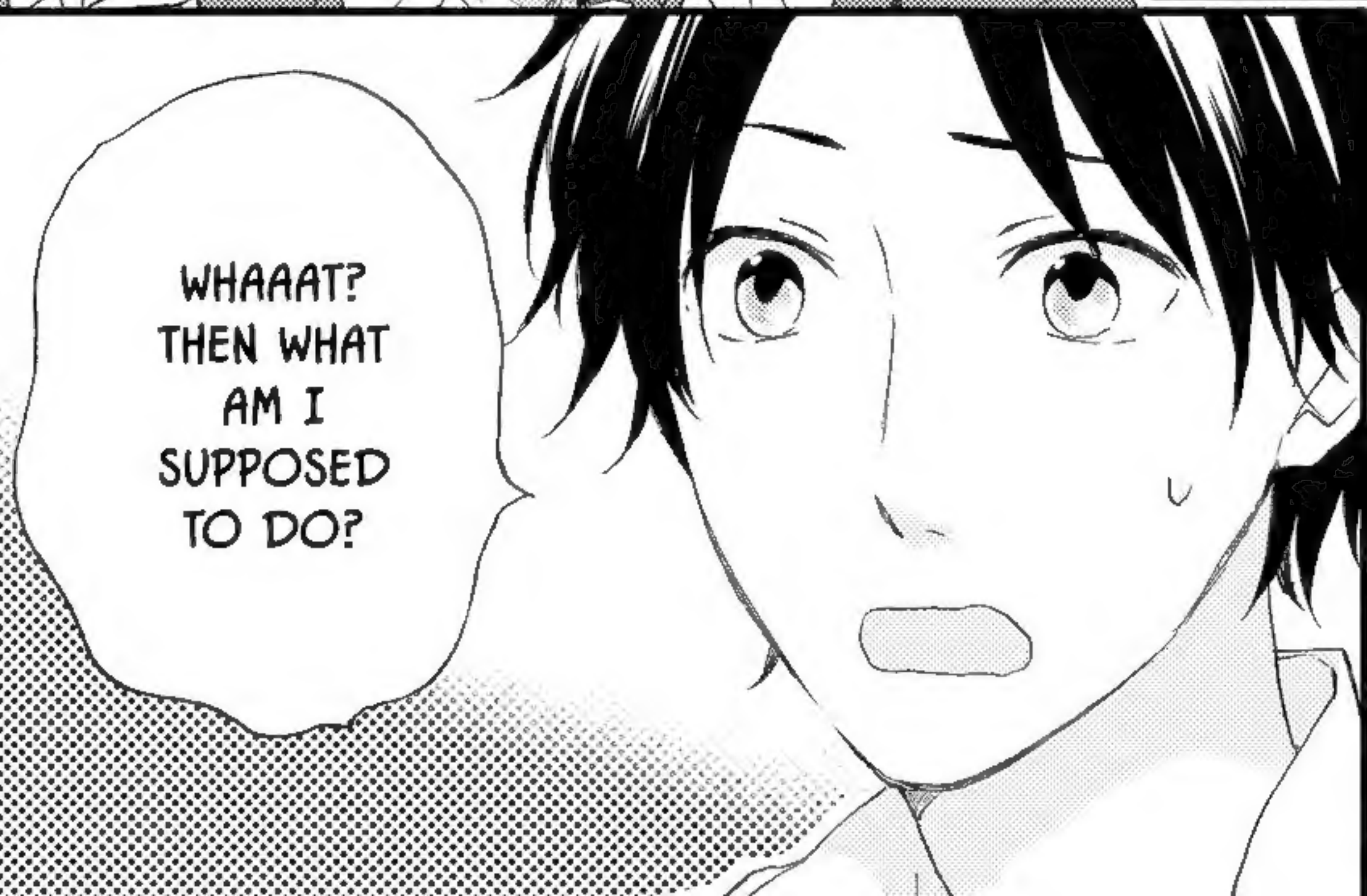
MEETING
A GIRL.

WHAT ARE
YOU GUYS
DOING?



YES!

THE
COMMITTEE
MEETS AFTER
SCHOOL
TODAY,
RIGHT?



WHAAAT?
THEN WHAT
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO?



...I GOT
DUMPED AT
CHRISTMAS.

I GUESS
YOU
FORGOT,
BUT...

YOUR
EX...?

Who...?

Me
too.

We're
just
friends.



Huh?

WHY DON'T
YOU GO SEE
WHOEVER YOU
MADE THAT
CHOCOLATE
FOR?

OH, THAT?
IT WAS FOR
MY EX.



HEH
HEH
HEH.
♡

THAT'S SO
GROWN-
UP!

I'm
done.

AN OLDER
WOMAN.
SURE, I CAN
SEE THAT.

TEE
HEE
♡

BY HIS
25-YEAR-
OLD
PRIVATE
TUTOR.
♡
For entrance
exams.



AND NOW WE
LOOK BACK ON
IT AS A FOND
MEMORY!

FWIP

W-WOW...
IMPRES-
SIVE.



I KNOW
HOW TO
TRAIN
THEM.

...THEN
ENJOYED A
GRADUAL
PROCESS OF
STEP-BY-STEP
REVERSAL.

WE
STARTED
AS
TEACHER
AND
PUPIL...

Go
on.

O-oh yeah...?

HEH
HEH
HEH



KEI-
CHAN...

SIGH

IN
RETROSPECT,
IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN BETTER
TO END THINGS
WISTFULLY.

I'VE GOT
NOTHING
GOING ON AT
ALL NOW. IT'S
SO BORING.

FOR
INSTANCE...

SHFF

SHFF



EXCUSE
ME?!

HERE
YOU GO!

A human
sacrifice.

SWIP

ARE YOU
SURE?



JOLT

IDEAS,
EH? WHAT
KIND?

...I'VE GOT
ALL THESE NEW
IDEAS AND NO
ONE TO TRY
THEM ON.

You have to test
these things.

OH, LIKE
THIS DIAMOND
BODY HARNESS
YOU CAN SLIP
ON IN ONE
MOTION...

FOR
REAL?
WOW.

GRAB

ESCAPE

ESCAPE



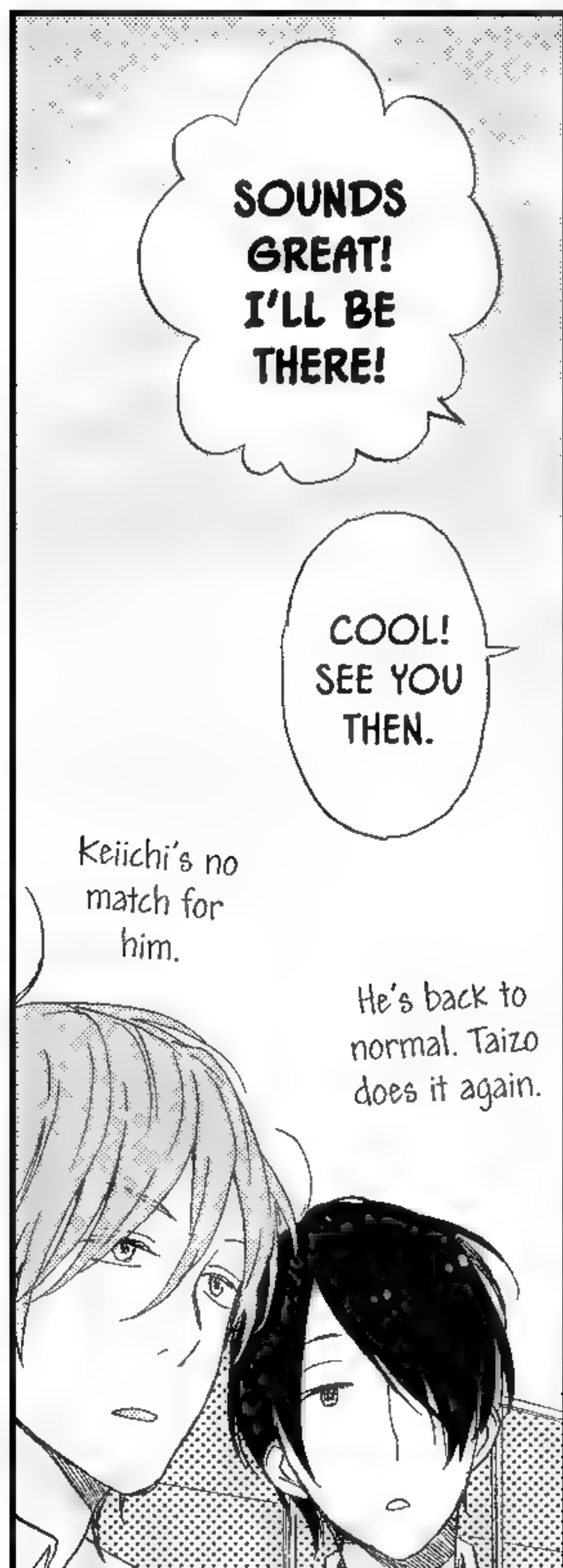
YOUR
FACE
DOESN'T
LOOK
SORRY!

I
ALMOST
FEEL
SORRY
SOME-
HOW...

TOO







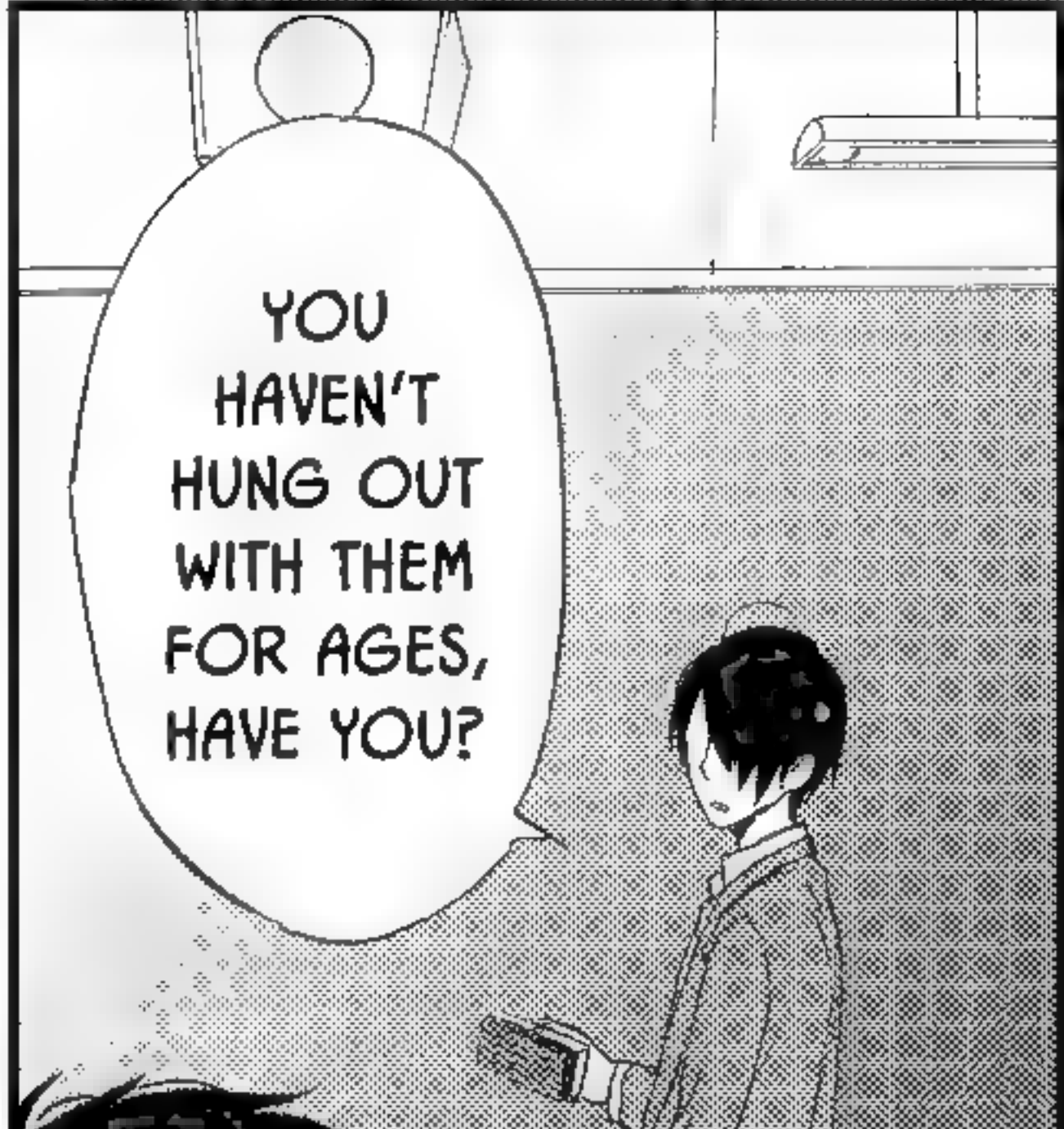


BASKET-
BALL!
I CAN'T
WAIT!



IT FEELS
LIKE I
MISSED THE
MOMENT,
YOU
KNOW?
Now it's
too late

WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
JOIN THE
CLUB?
*Coming
through!*



YOU
HAVEN'T
HUNG OUT
WITH THEM
FOR AGES,
HAVE YOU?



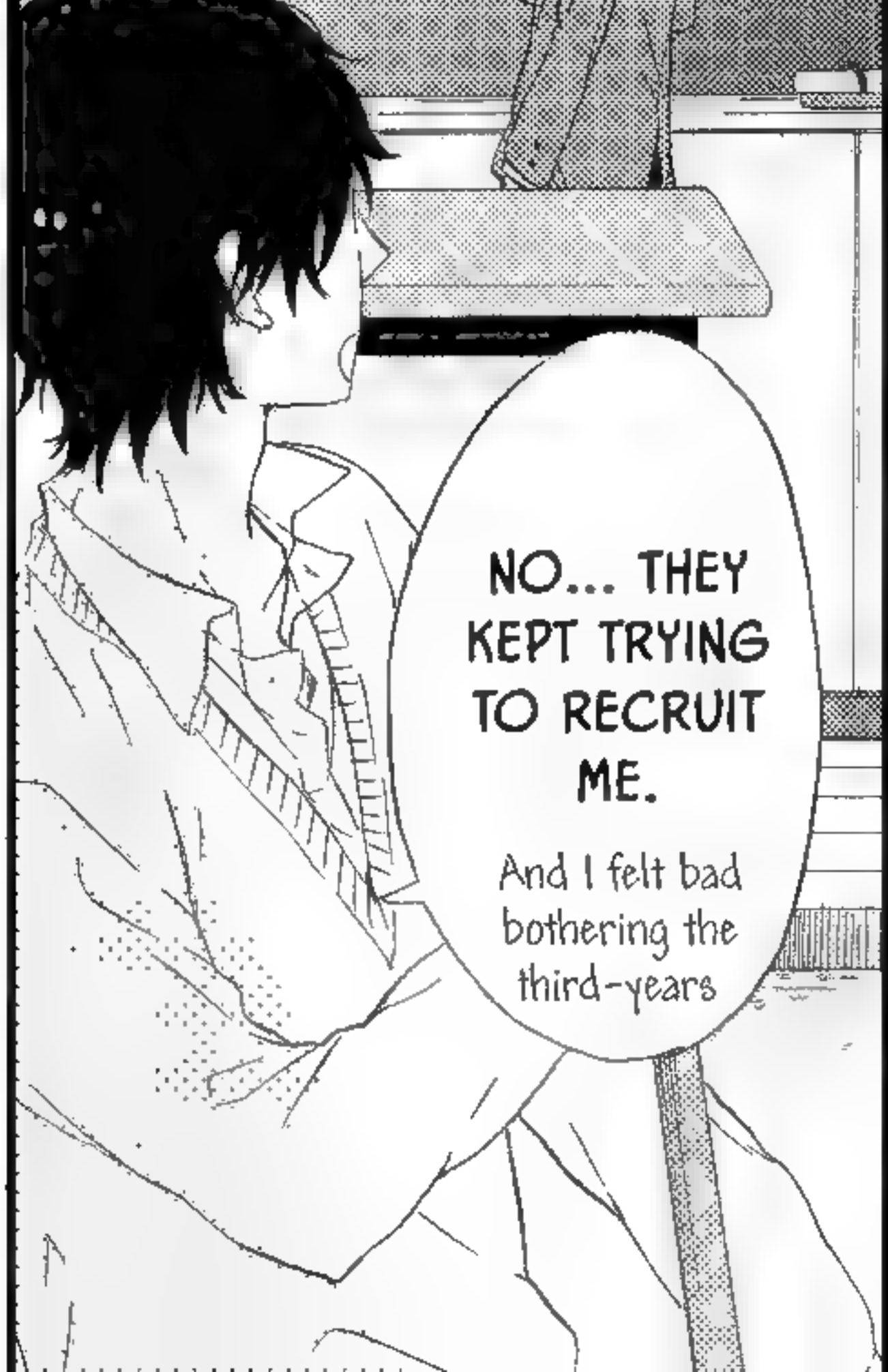
SURE
AM!

Aha!
YOU DONE
CLEANING?

KEIICHI!

PLUS, THERE'S
OTHER STUFF
I WANT TO
DO.

OH,
YEAH?
*That's really
the reason?*



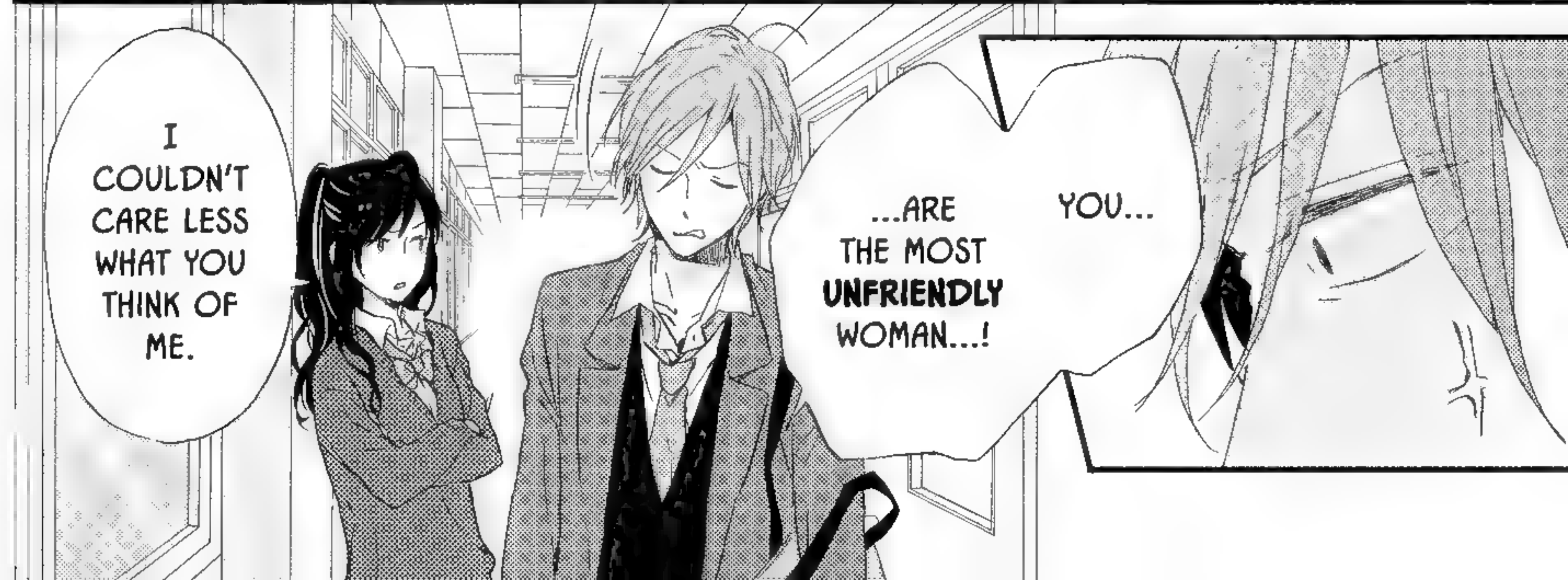
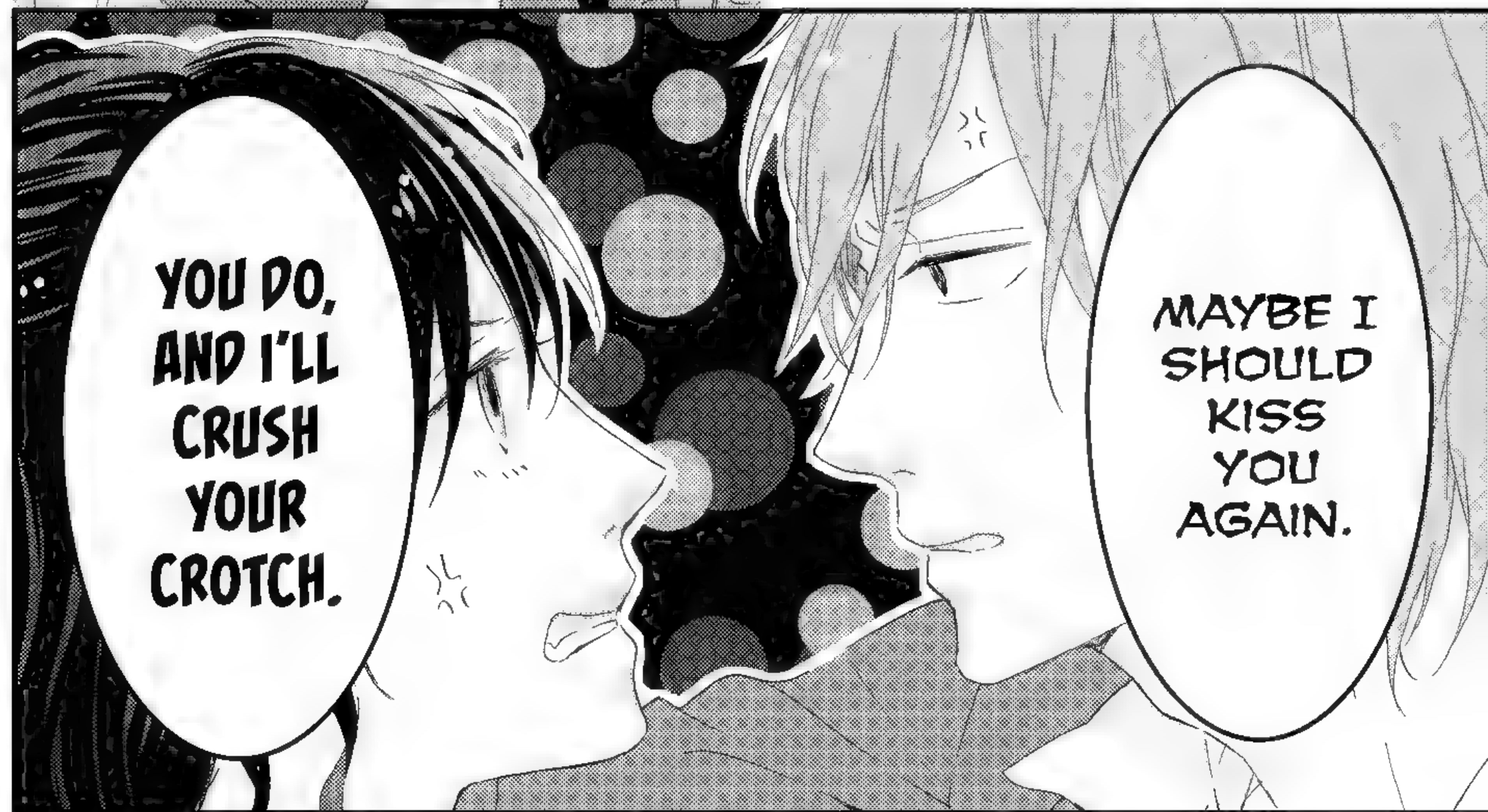
NO... THEY
KEPT TRYING
TO RECRUIT
ME.
*And I felt bad
bothering the
third-years*

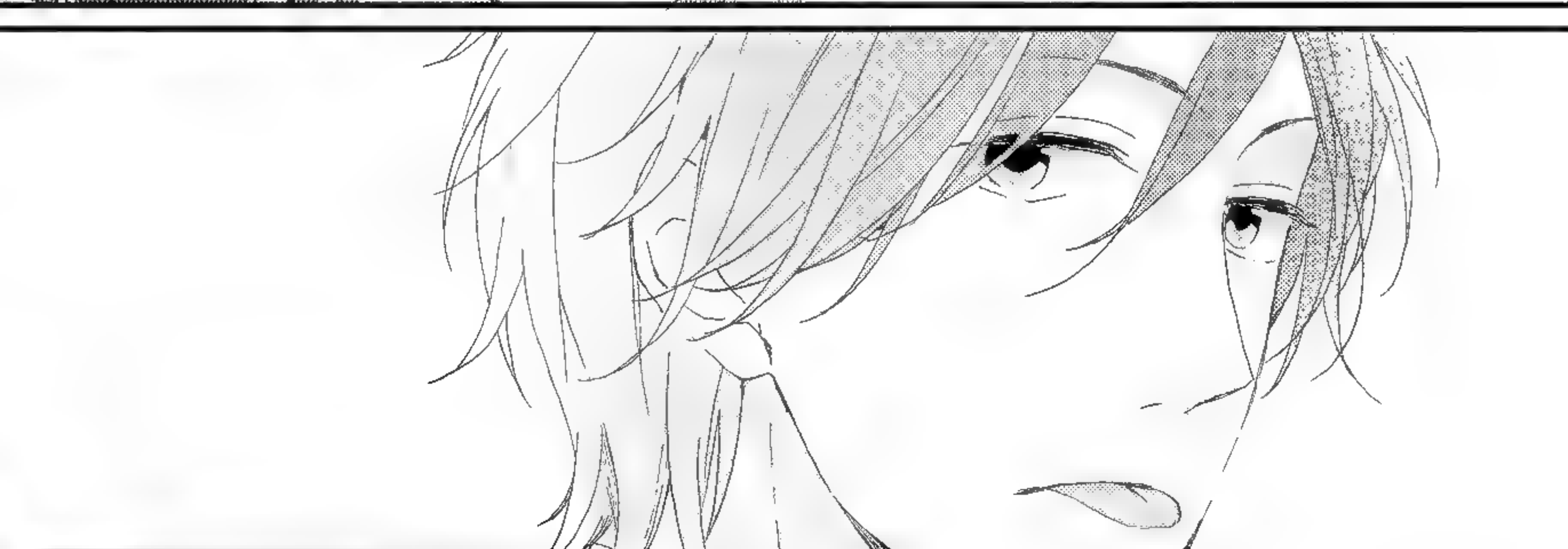


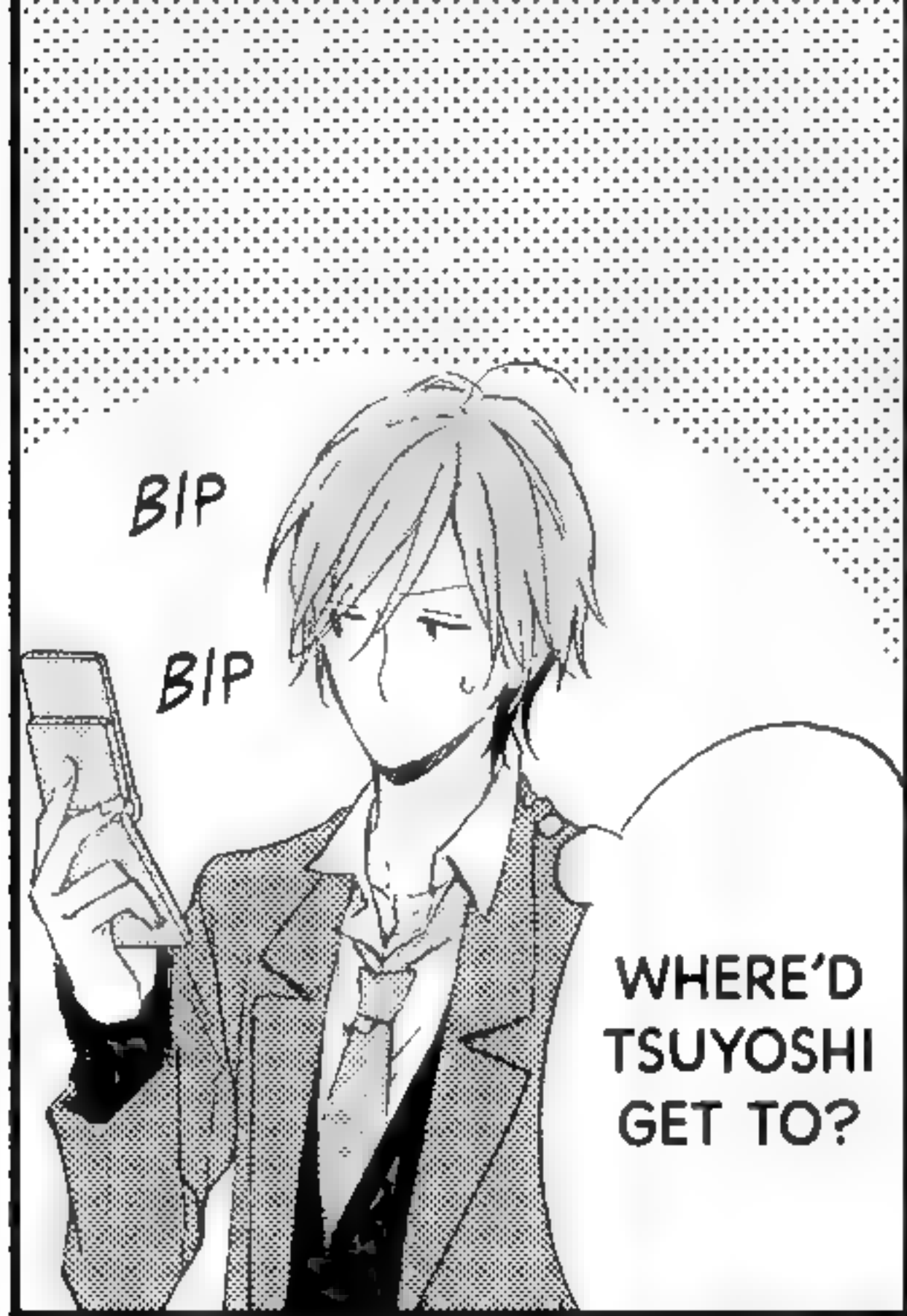




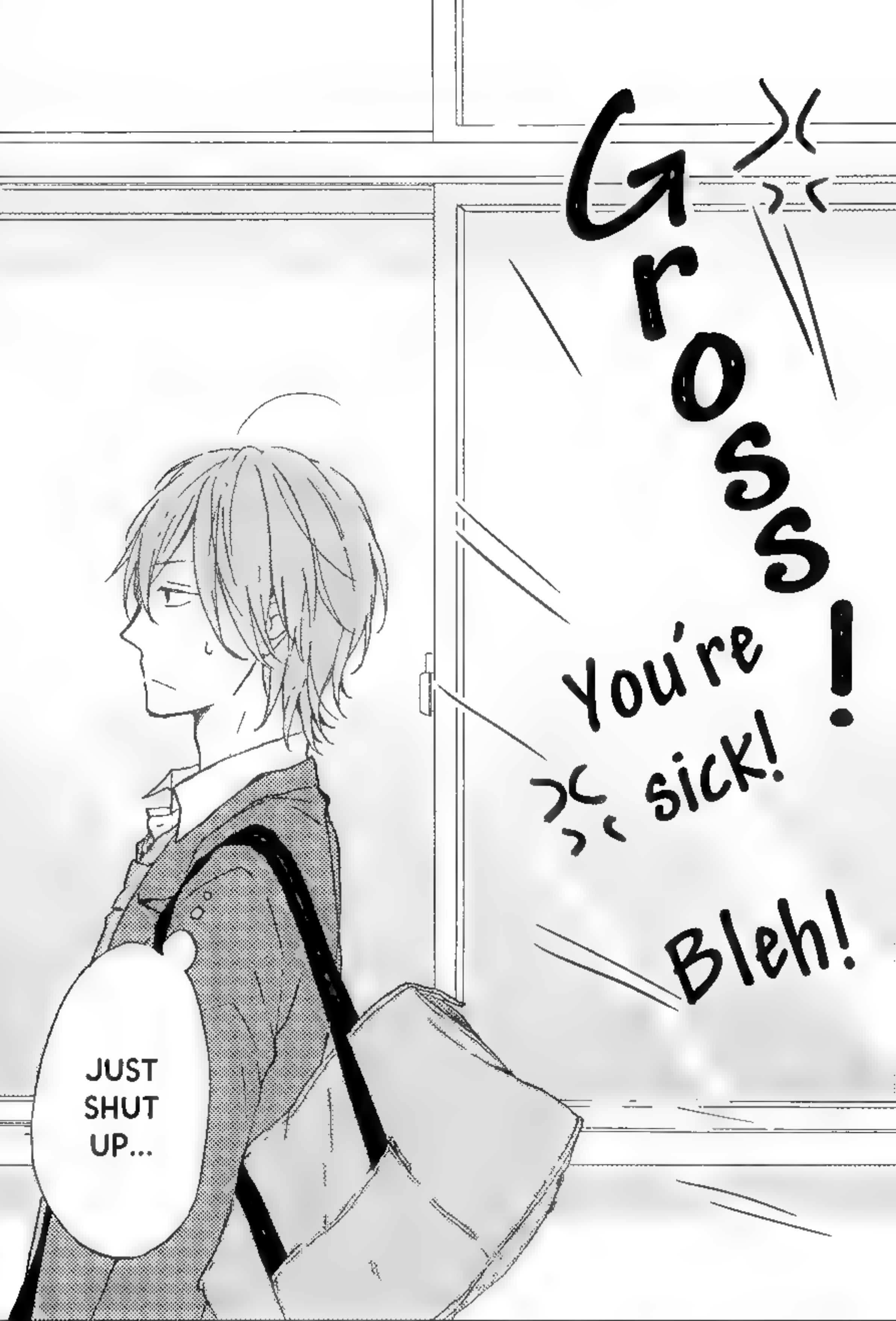








WHERE'D
TSUYOSHI
GET TO?



JUST
SHUT
UP...



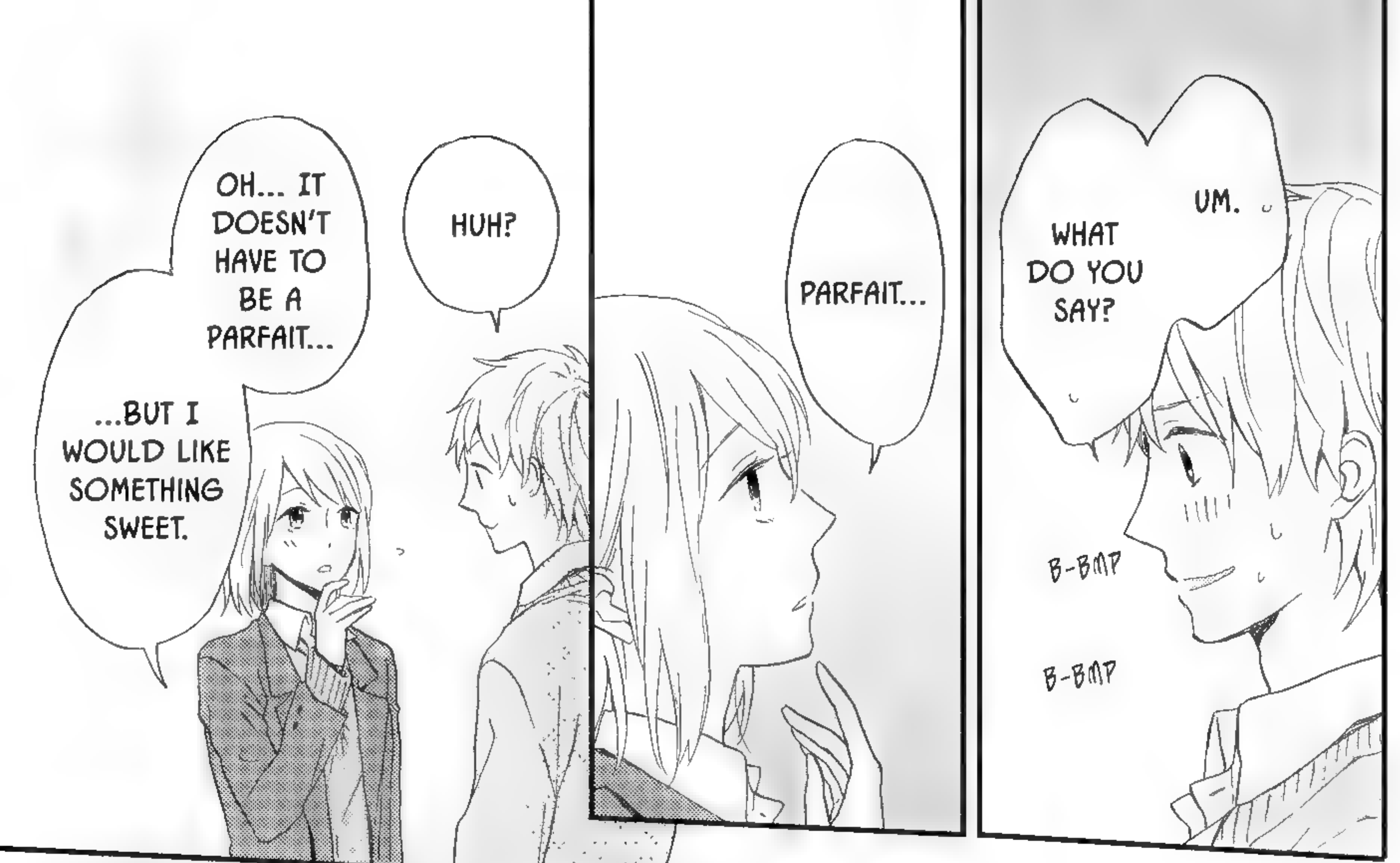


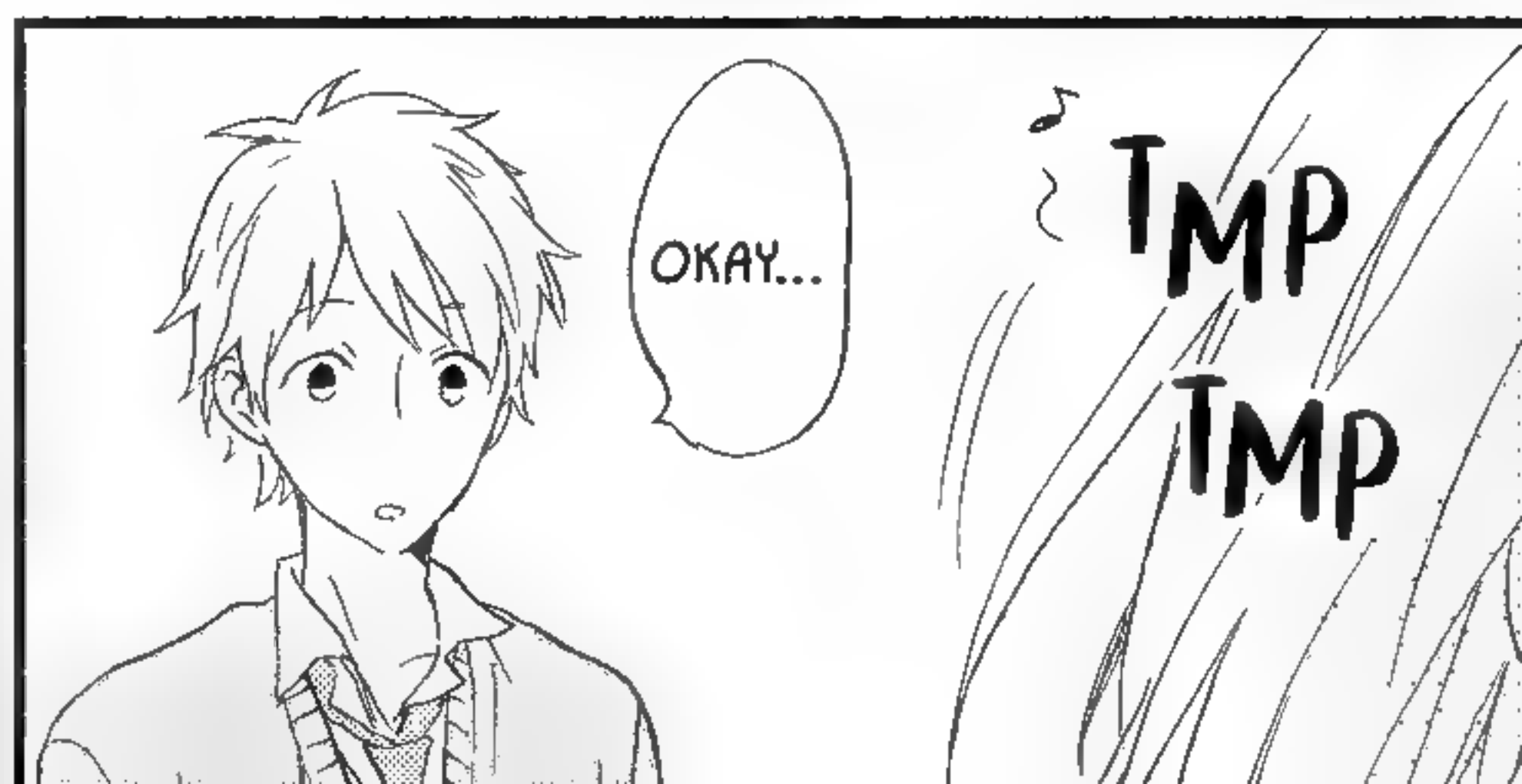
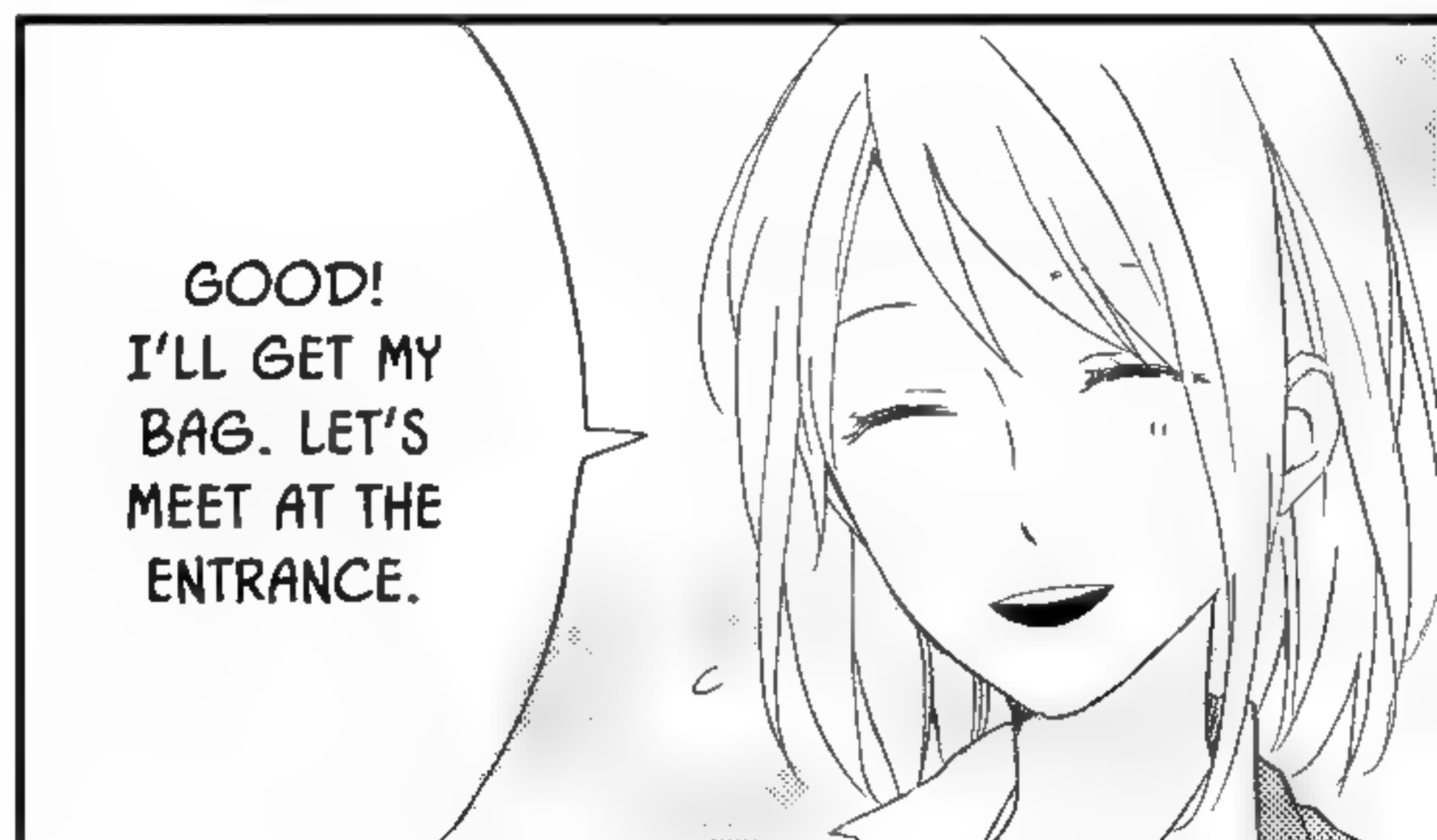


HOWEVER!











IT'S A
DATE.

IS
THIS...?

IT IS,
RIGHT?

A
date...



NATCHAN!
YOU DONE
WITH THAT
COMMITTEE
MEETING?

YES. I'M
WAITING FOR
KOBAYAKAWA.

WE'RE GOING
OUT FOR
SWEETS!



SORRY
YOU GOT
ROPED
INTO THE
WARMUP
LAPS.

IT'S FINE.
I LIKE TO
RUN! CAN I
BORROW SOME
BASKETBALL
SHOES?

I'm all
sweaty!

WHEW!
I HAVEN'T
RUN THAT
HARD IN
AGES.



HEY!



WOW...

I'M ALL
SET!
♡

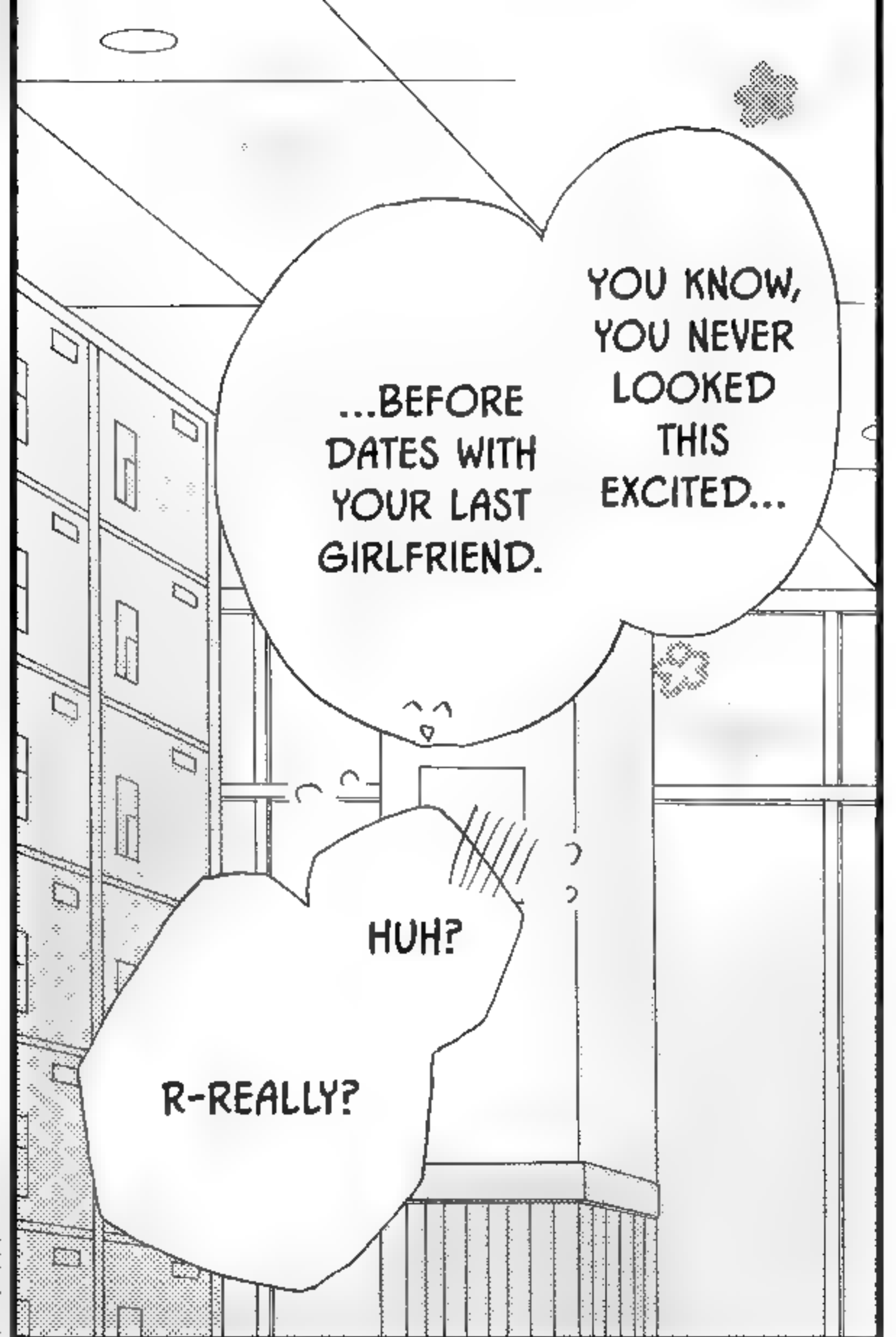
...BUT
I JUST
FOUND
A GREAT
SPOT ON
MY PHONE!

I WASN'T
SURE
WHERE WE
SHOULD
GO...

I
KNOW!!!

WHAT?!
BUT THAT'S
A DATE!

KWAAH
♡

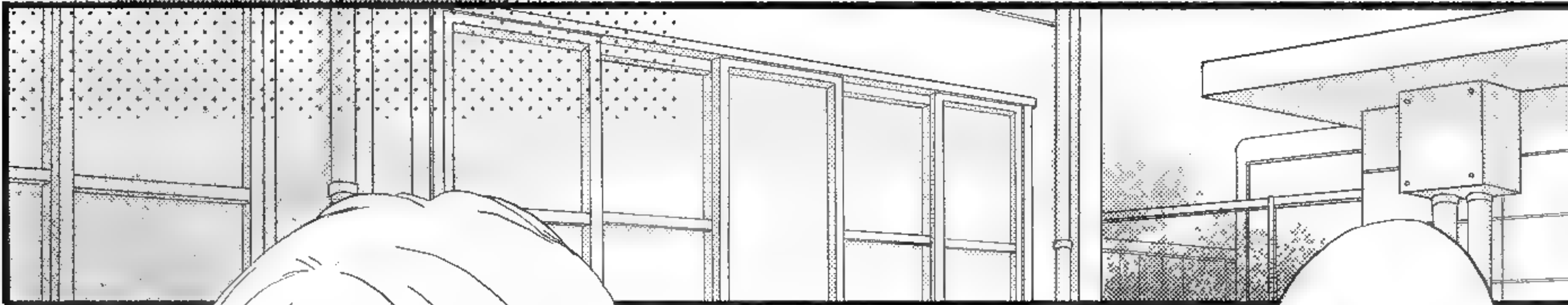


DO YOU
HAVE A
MOMENT?



RIGHT...

KEIICHI?
Let's
go!



...AND
I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
YOU SINCE
THEN...

I NOTICED
YOU AT
SPORTS DAY
LAST YEAR...

I'M FURUTA,
FROM
CLASS 6.





BUT I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
TALKED TO
THIS GIRL

WHOA...
A CON-
FESSION?

DOES SHE
KNOW
ABOUT
ME?

I HEARD
YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE A
GIRL-
FRIEND...

IS
THAT
A NO?



WILL YOU
GO OUT
WITH ME?!



DO YOU
LIKE...
PAIN?



TELL
ME.



UH...

NOT SO
MUCH
A "NO"
AS...

NOW
WHAT?



PAIN...?

YEAH. I LIKE
TO TORTURE
MY GIRL-
FRIENDS...

...WITH WHIPS
AND EQUIPMENT
AND STUFF.

NATURALLY
I DEMAND
TOTAL
OBEDIENCE
TO START
WITH.

THEN
IT'S XXX
AND
XXX.

OH,
AND I
LIKE XXX
TOO!



I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE SO
WEIRD...

...AND
I DON'T
LIKE THAT!



N-NO! IT
DOESN'T
SOUND
OKAY AT
ALL!

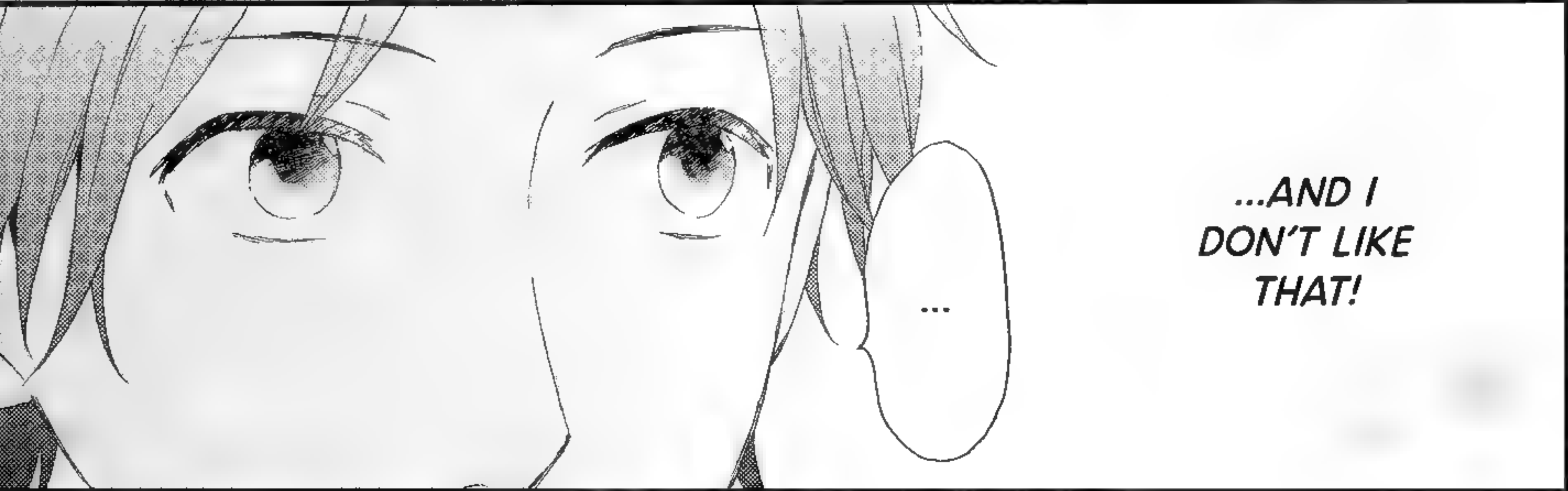
I TAKE
BACK
WHAT I
SAID!

DOES THAT
SOUND
OKAY TO
YOU?



I...I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
GENTLE...

...AND
EASYGOING.





I already
played one
game. Here's
your number.

IT LOOKED
LIKE SHE
WAS ASKING
YOU OUT!
Way to
go!

YEAH, SHE
WAS. BUT
SHE TOOK
IT BACK.



HEY,
YOU
MADE
IT.



LIKE
HOW?

I GUESS MY
TASTES ARE
HARD TO
ACCOMMO-
DATE.

WHAT?

Mn.



Okay,
sure...

It's
important!



HOW
CAN
I PUT
THIS...?



YIKES!
THAT'S
ADULT
CONTENT!

HA
HA

IF THEY'RE
NOT A
MASOCHIST,
IT'S A DEAL-
BREAKER.

You
crack
me
up.



...BUT GOING OUT WITH JUST ANYONE ISN'T AN OPTION FOR ME.

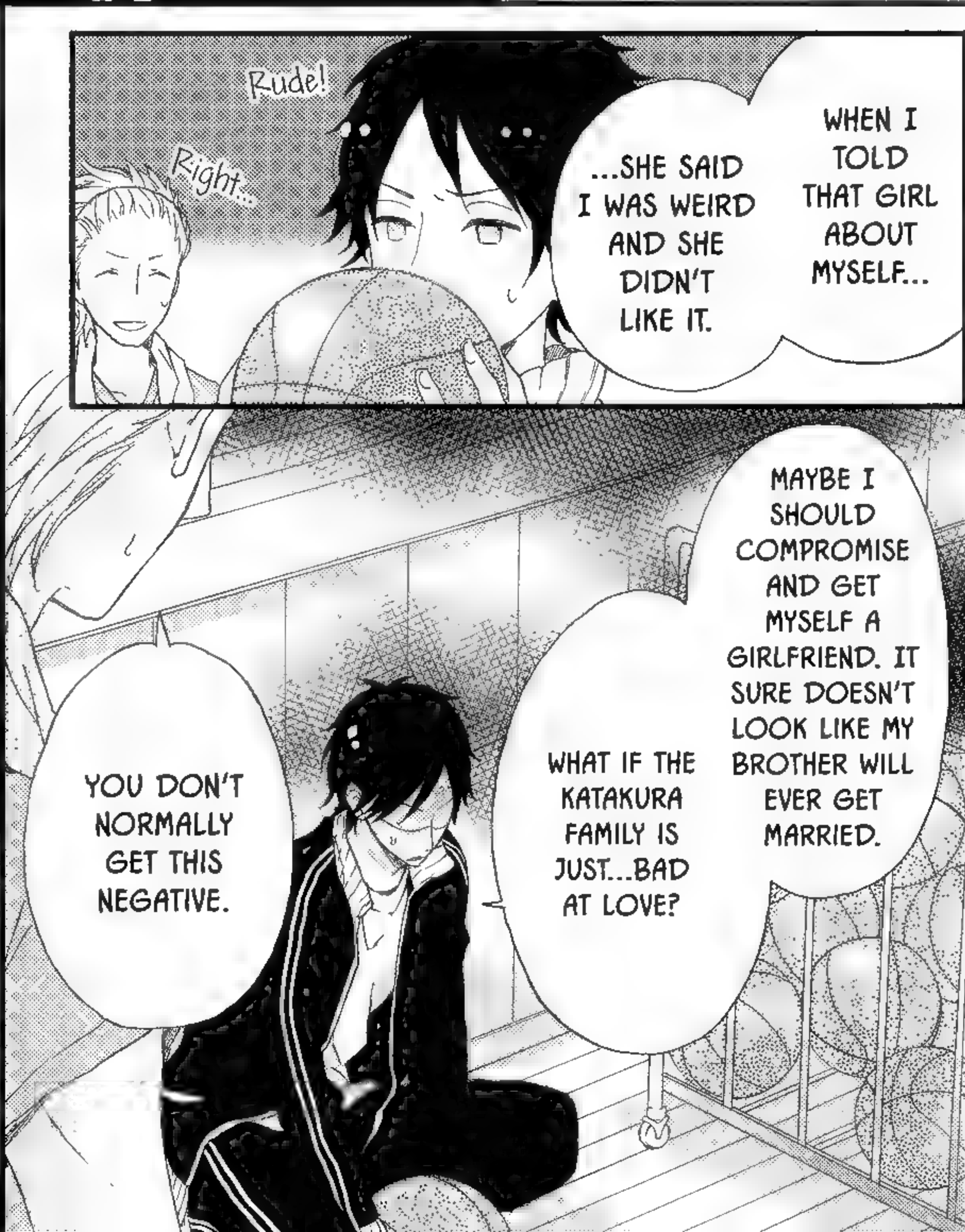
...AND IT MAKES ME WISH I HAD A GIRLFRIEND, OR AT LEAST A CRUSH...

WHEN I LOOK AT THE OTHER THREE, THEY'RE ALL DATING AND HAVING FUN...



Oh!

IS THAT WHY YOU CAME TO BASKETBALL TODAY?



Rude!

Right...

...SHE SAID I WAS WEIRD AND SHE DIDN'T LIKE IT.

WHEN I TOLD THAT GIRL ABOUT MYSELF...

YOU DON'T NORMALLY GET THIS NEGATIVE.

WHAT IF THE KATAKURA FAMILY IS JUST...BAD AT LOVE?

MAYBE I SHOULD COMPROMISE AND GET MYSELF A GIRLFRIEND. IT SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MY BROTHER WILL EVER GET MARRIED.



Plus,
I was
free.

I JUST CAME
TO PLAY
BASKETBALL.

...YOU
ALWAYS COME
HERE WHEN
SOMETHING IS
BOTHERING
YOU.

THE EXERCISE
HELPS YOU
WORK
THROUGH IT,
RIGHT?

...WHEN
YOU USED TO
HANG AROUND
COMPLAINING
THAT YOU DIDN'T
KNOW ANYONE IN
YOUR CLASS?

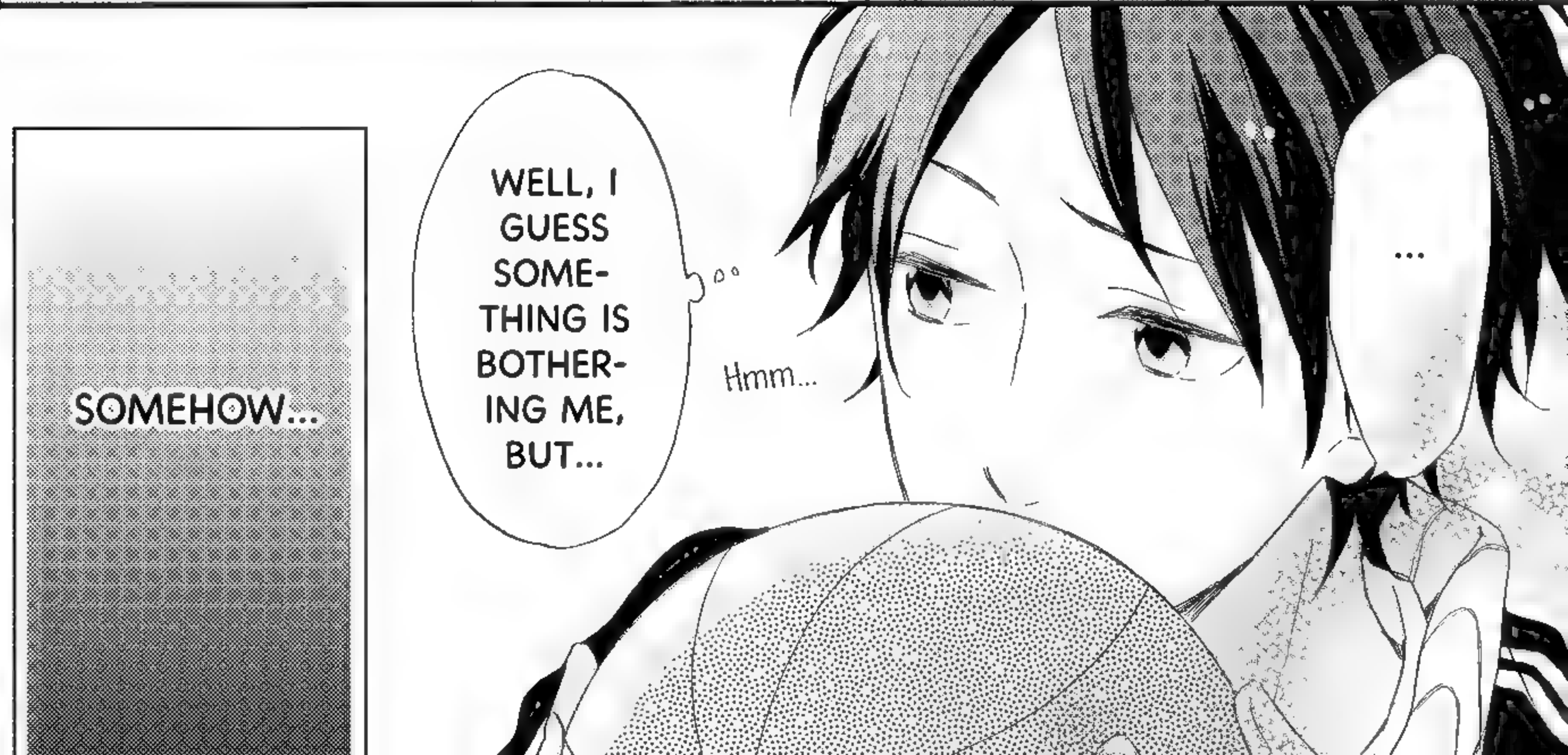
REALLY?
REMEMBER
BACK
IN FIRST
YEAR...



...AND
STOPPED
COMING
HERE SO
MUCH.

YEAH. BUT
THEN YOU
MADE SOME
FRIENDS...

HUH?
I DID
THAT?



SOMEHOW...

WELL, I
GUESS
SOME-
THING IS
BOTHER-
ING ME,
BUT...

Hmm...



Ahh.
What a
great
day...



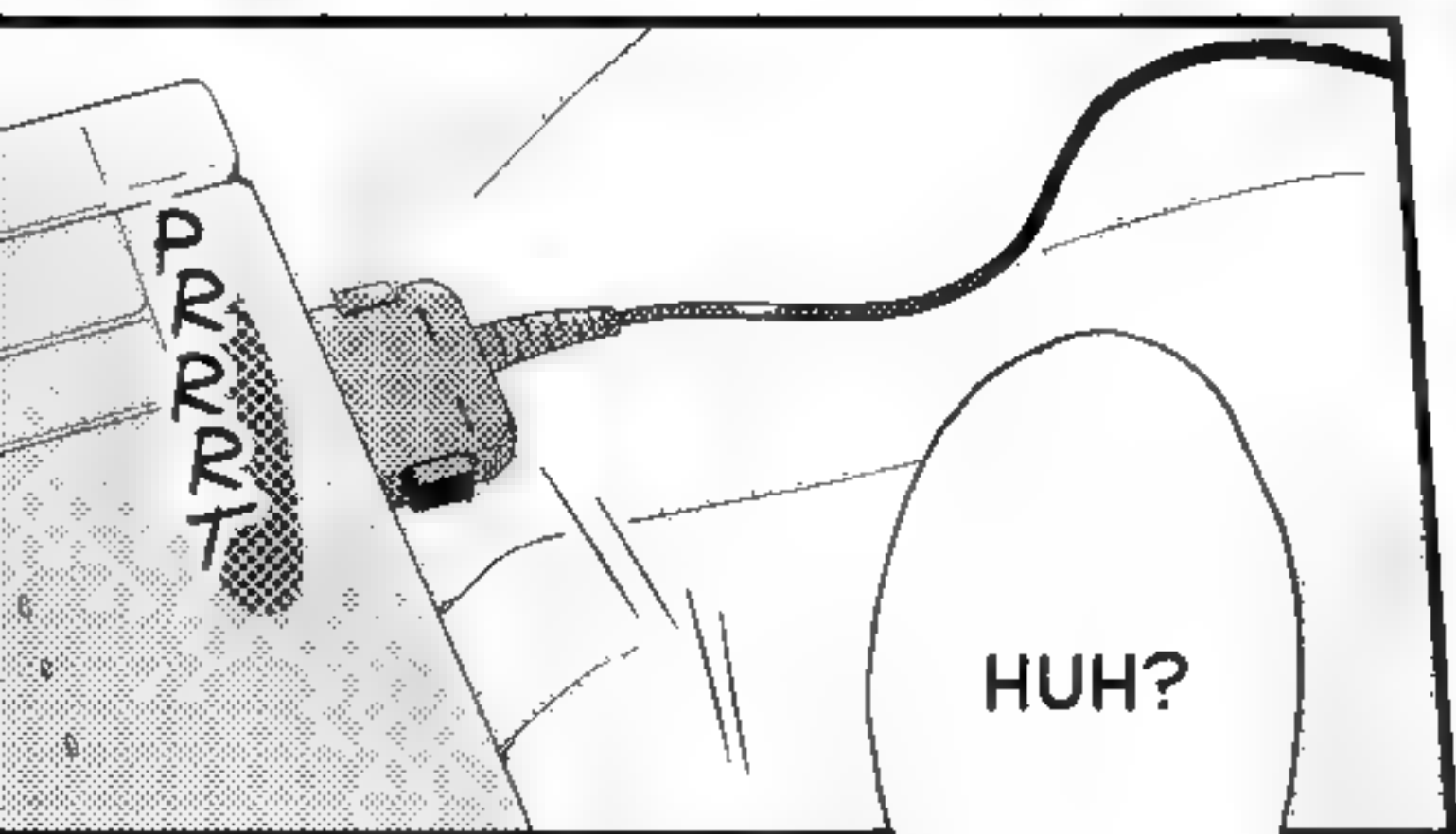
...THIS
FEELS
DIFFERENT.

GET
OUT
THERE!

COME
ON.
YOU'RE
UP
NEXT.

That's
why I'm
worry-
free!

ANYWAY,
NOTHING
LIKE
EXERCISE
TO CHEER
UP, RIGHT?



HUH?

A TEXT
FROM
TAIZO?
WHAT'S HE
WANT?



TAK
TAK

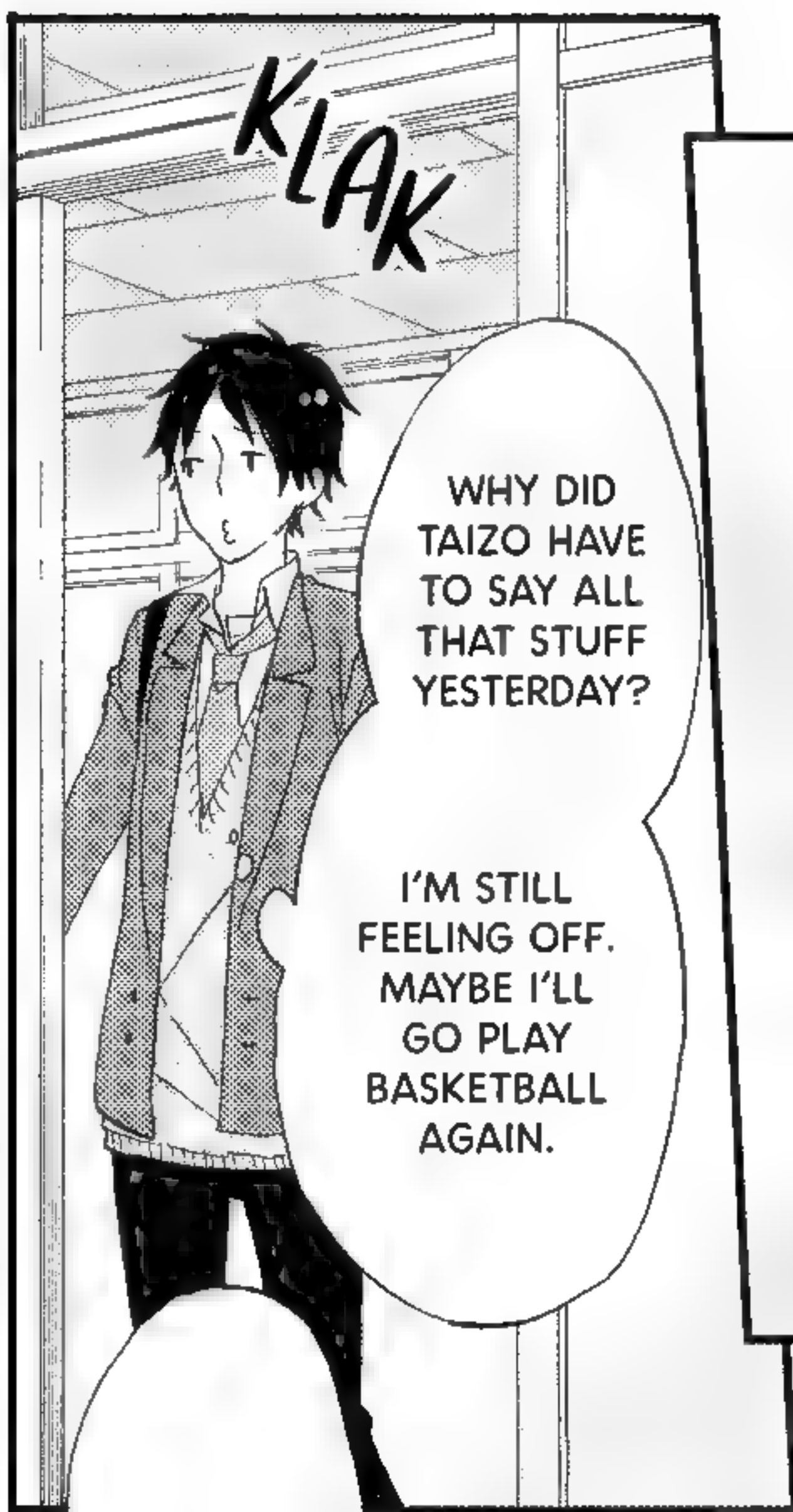
IT'S ABOUT
KEI-CHAN?

Huh? No
reaction...?



Hmm.





KLAK

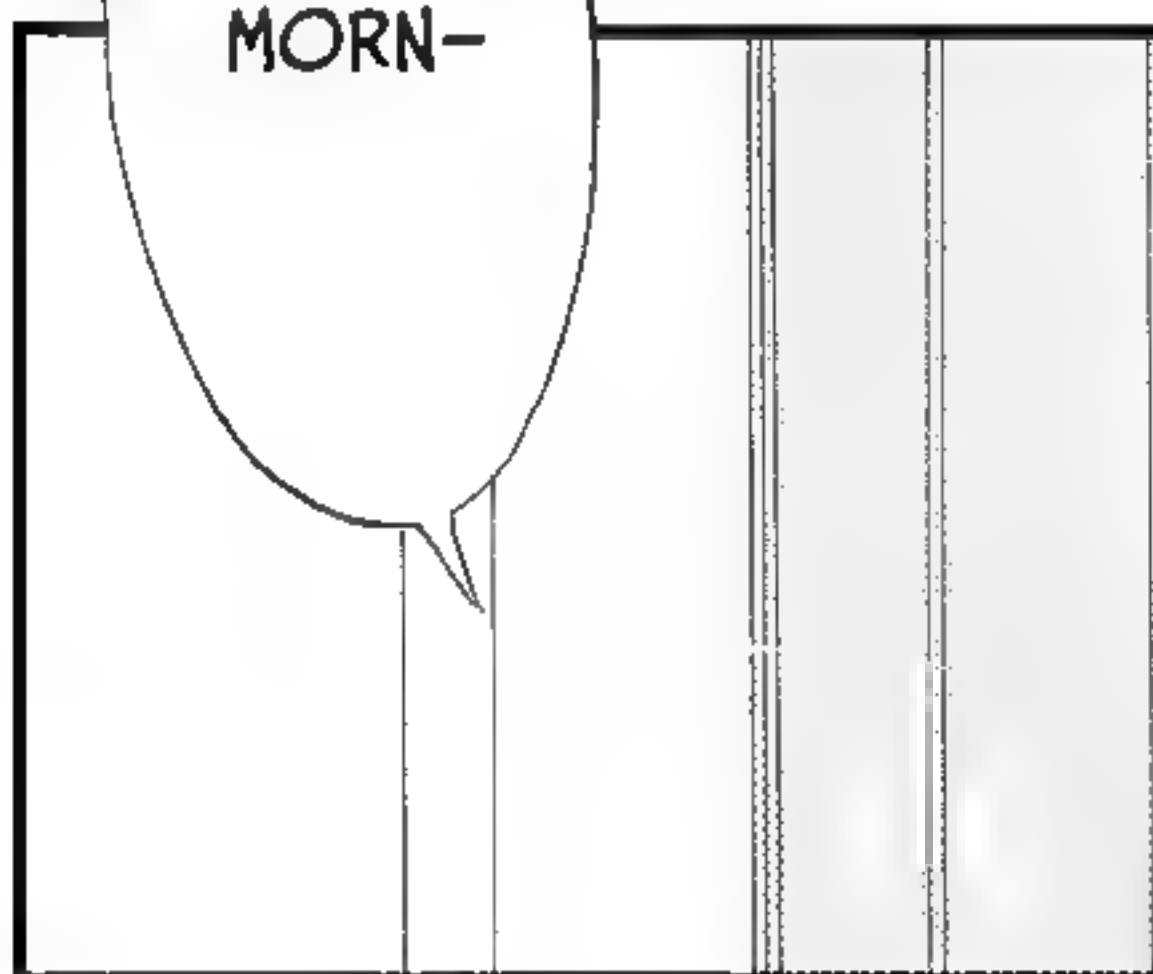
WHY DID
TAIZO HAVE
TO SAY ALL
THAT STUFF
YESTERDAY?

I'M STILL
FEELING OFF.
MAYBE I'LL
GO PLAY
BASKETBALL
AGAIN.

MORN-



?!



TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP



WHOA!

YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
A LITTLE
ANGRY I
DID THAT
JUST NOW?!

So it's
true!

WHAT?
AND
GOOD
MORNING.



KEI-CHAN,
KEI-CHAN,
KEI-CHAN!



KEI-
CHAN!

DOOMP



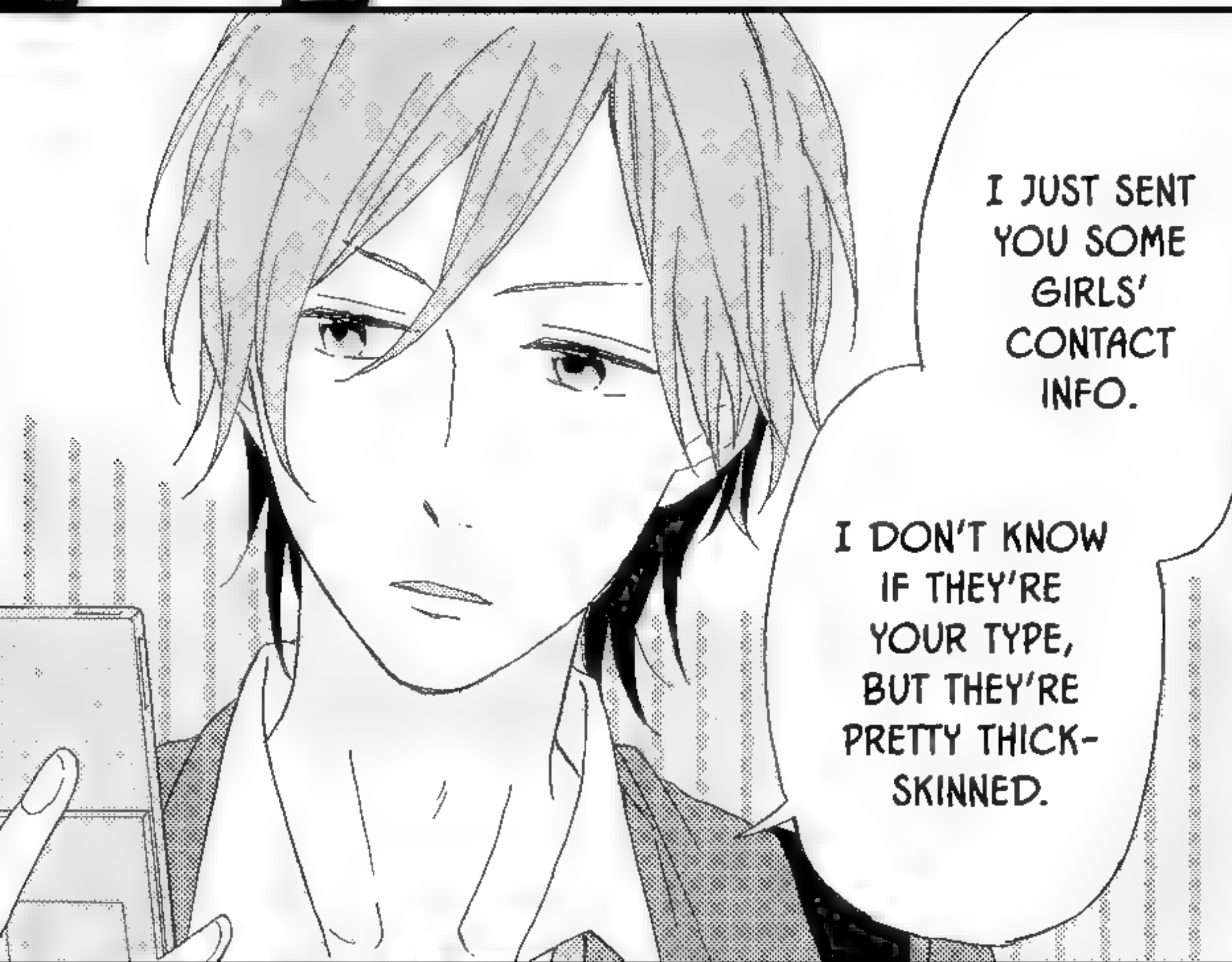
GOT IT?!

LISTEN!
I LIKE YOU
SADISTIC,
OKAY?!

HUH?

BE PROUD,
OKAY?!

OKAY...

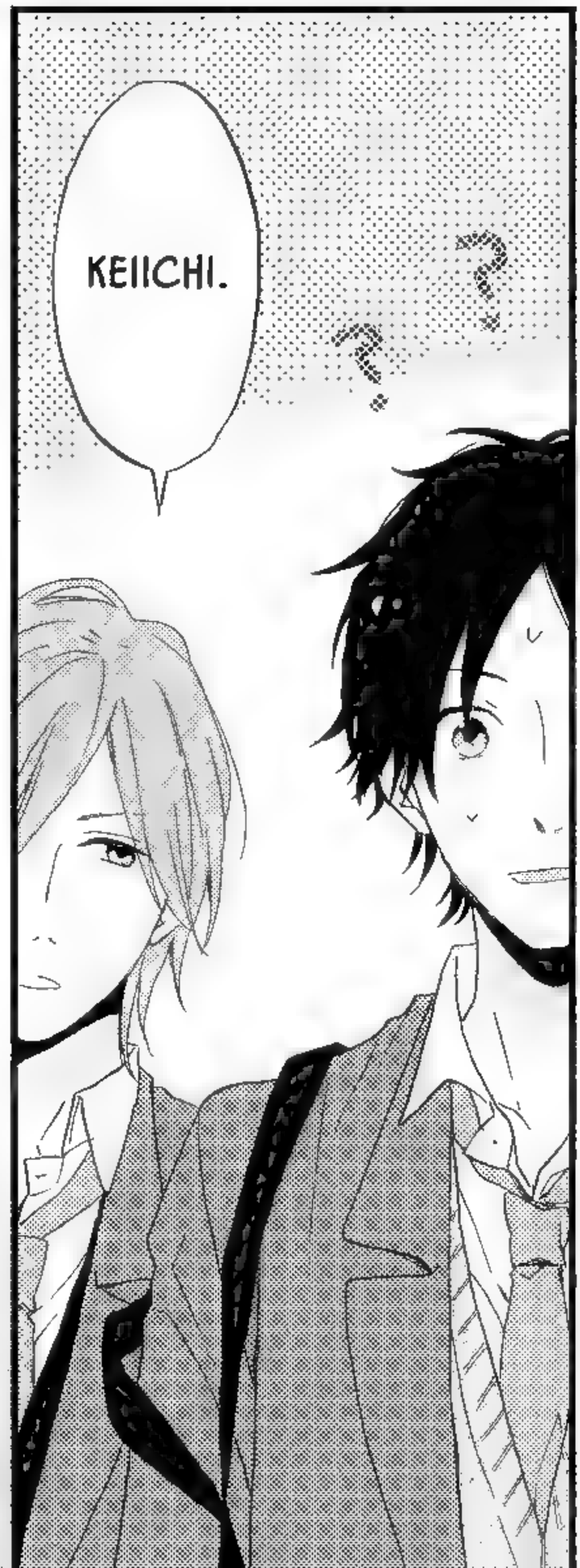


I JUST SENT
YOU SOME
GIRLS'
CONTACT
INFO.

I DON'T KNOW
IF THEY'RE
YOUR TYPE,
BUT THEY'RE
PRETTY THICK-
SKINNED.



BUT THANKS...
WHY?



KEIICHI.



THE BEEF
AND GREEN
PEPPER
STIR-FRY NAOE
FAMILY SPECIAL!
ENJOY!



TSUYO-
PON?

What
are you
doing?

SHFF

SHFF



WOW,
THANKS...

POFF



TMP

TMP

I
don't
get it!

**BUT
WHY?!**



.....

YOU'RE
ACTING
STRANGE.

It's
scaring
me.







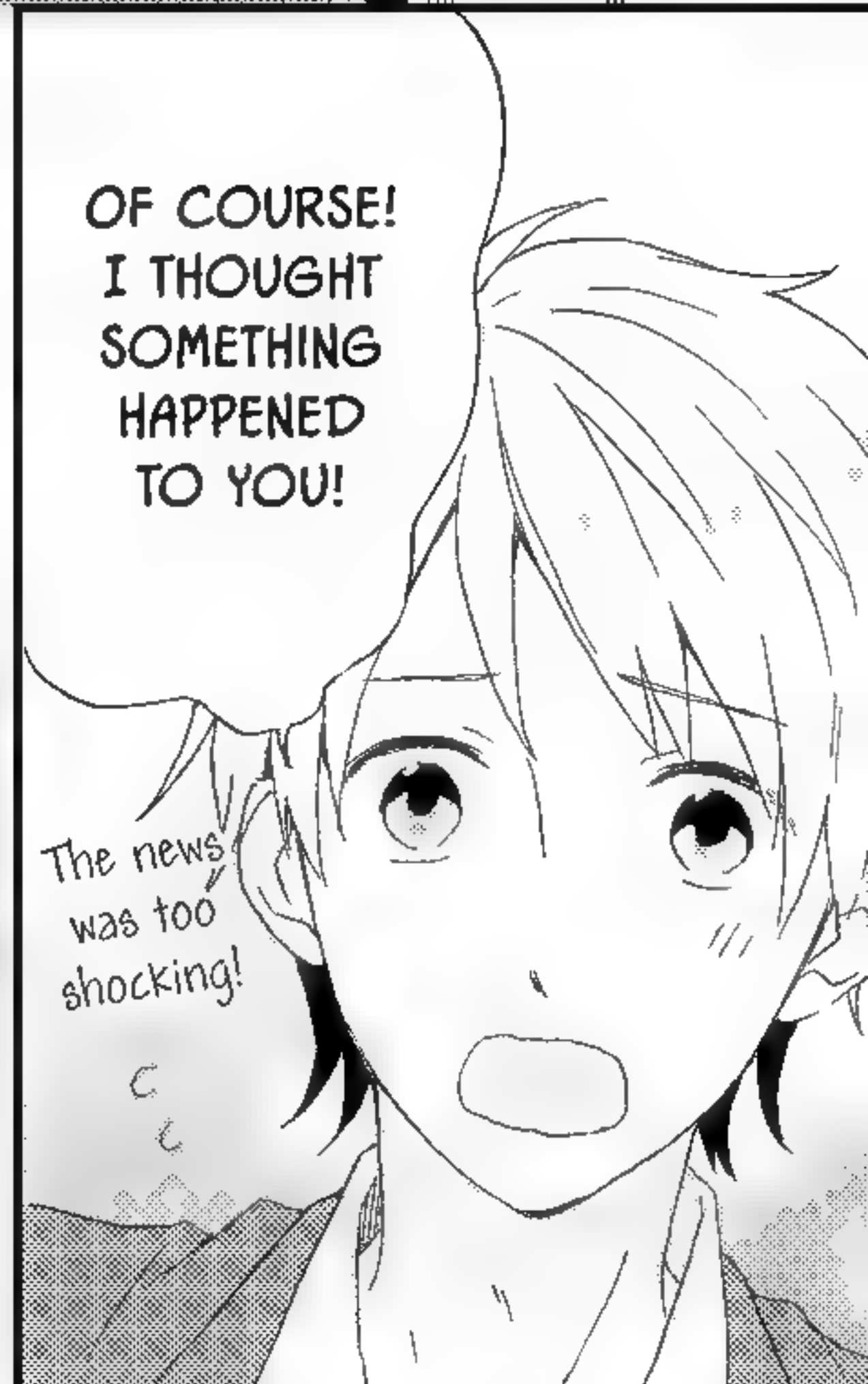
WERE YOU
GUYS
WORRIED
ABOUT ME?
....?



I THOUGHT
MAYBE STRESS
WAS WARPING
YOUR
PERSONALITY.



IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU'D
TELL US IF
SOMETHING
WAS WRONG.



OF COURSE!
I THOUGHT
SOMETHING
HAPPENED
TO YOU!

The news
was too
shocking!



IF NOT,
THAT'S
GOOD
TO HEAR.

I DON'T
WANT TO
SEE A
MASOCH-
ISTIC KEI-
CHAN.

NOPE.



YOU
WERE?!
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

Are you
gonna
become a
masochist?!

I WAS
KIND OF
BROODING...

OH...

NOW
I GET
IT.

I GUESS
I WAS
JUST...

...A
LITTLE
LONELY.

I FEEL
JUST FINE
NOW!

IT'S NOT THAT
I WANT A
GIRLFRIEND...

...OR AM
WORRIED
THAT I MIGHT
BE WEIRD.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
GOT OVER
THAT SO
FAST.

I MUST
BE A
PUSHOVER.

KEI-CHAN!



SOUNDS
GOOD.

TSUYOPON'S
BACK!
LET'S EAT!

I HAVE A
FEELING...

...THAT
THIS
SPRING...

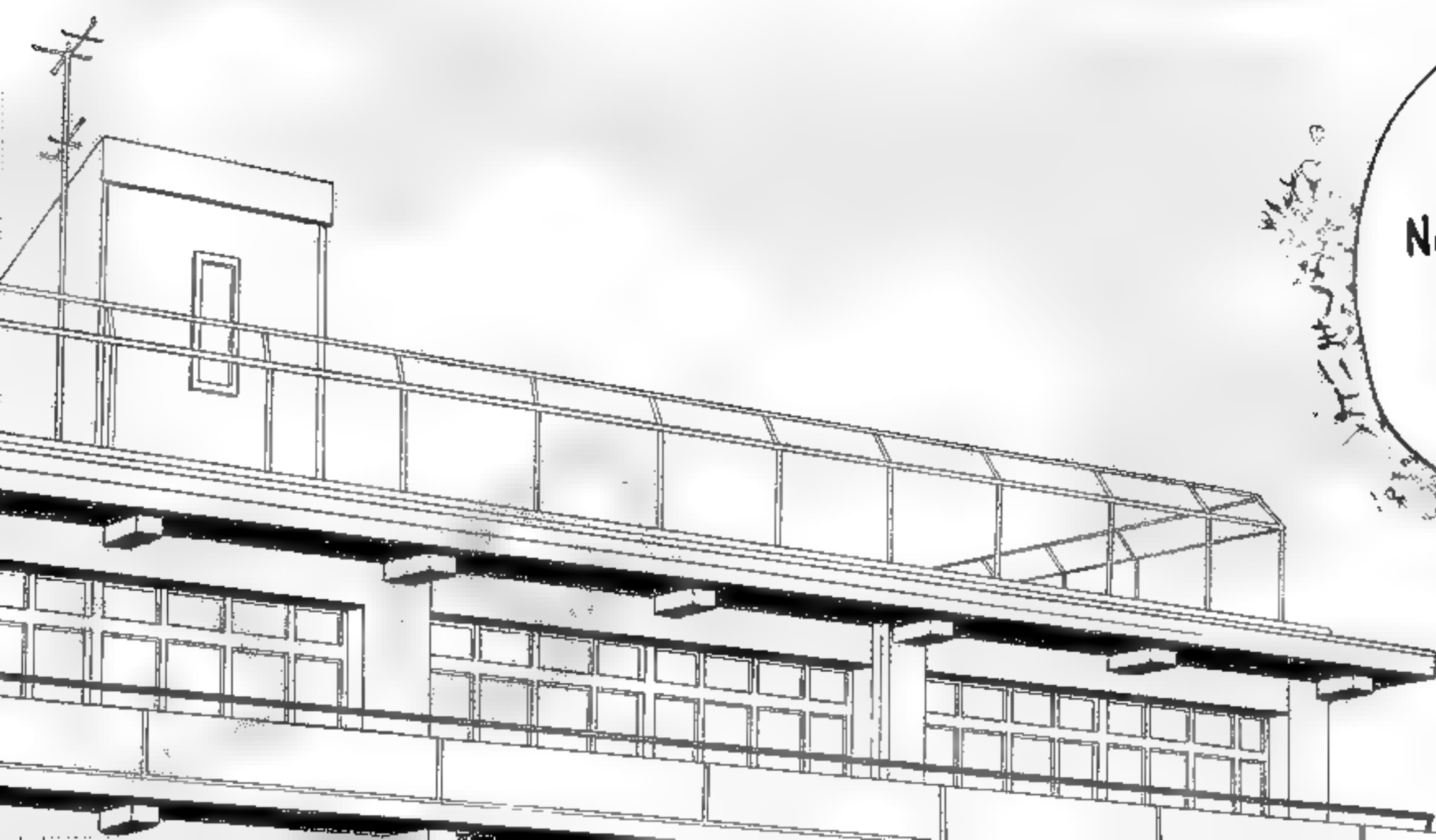
...WE'RE
GOING TO
HAVE A LOT
OF FUN.

I'M
STARVING!

KEI-CHAN?!
THAT'S MY
SANDWICH!

TSUYOSHI,
WHAT DID
YOU BUY?

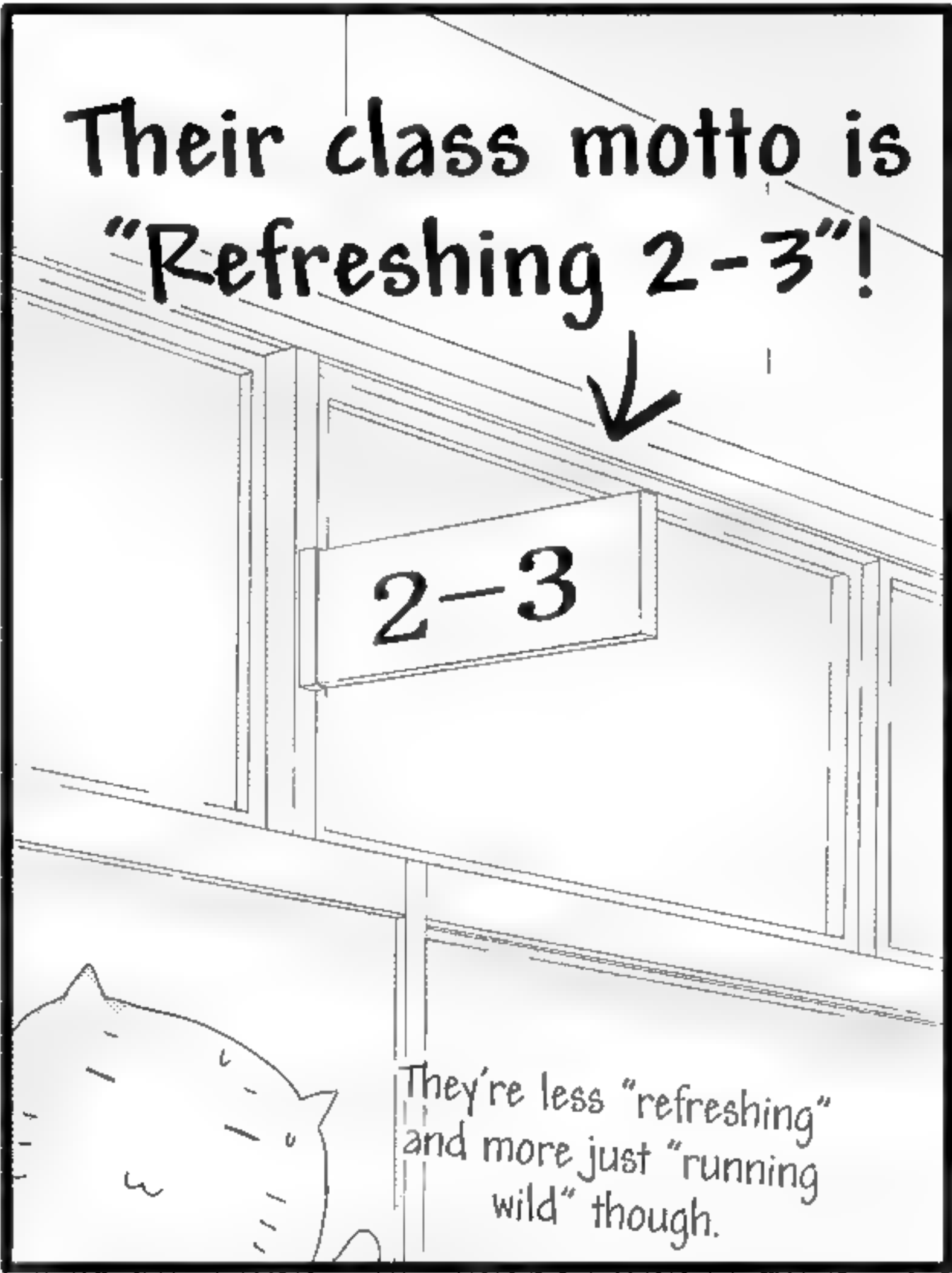
A
NIKUJAGA
LUNCH
BOX.



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✿ POINTLESS
RAINBOW TRIVIA ✿



Rainbow Weather

Rainbow Days Side Story



CONSIDER
A CERTAIN
GROUP OF
FOUR HIGH
SCHOOL
BOYS...

...AND THE
WARM SPRING
SUN WAS A
DELIGHT.

AFTER DAYS
OF GLOOMY
CLOUDS, THE
SKIES WERE
CLEAR...

MUZZ

MUZZ

AHH...
THIS IS
MORE
LIKE IT.

WHY CAN'T
EVERY DAY BE
LIKE THIS?

**NATSUKI
HASHIBA**

I LIKE
SUMMER
TOO!

It's when I
was born!

YEAH, BUT
IT'LL BE
SUMMER
BEFORE WE
KNOW IT.

That's gonna
suck.

**TSUYOSHI
NAOE**



**TOMOYA
MATSUNAGA**

YEAH!

PLAYING
BASEBALL
AGAINST THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM!

ARE
THOSE
TWO
STILL AT
IT?

RAAAH

RAAAH

YOU
REALIZE I'VE
BEEN LETTING
THEM THROUGH
ON PURPOSE,
RIGHT?

I'M
WAITING
FOR MY
HOME RUN.

**KEIICHI
KATAKURA**

NEXT PITCH
ENDS THE
GAME.

YOU
READY,
KEIICHI?



**YEAH,
YEAH!
KEEP
TALKING...**

**...CUZ
THAT
HÅGEN-
DAZS...**

**...IS
COMING
TO TEAM
MATSUNAGA!**



**YOU
MEAN...**



**YEAH!
NICE
WORK,
KEIICHI!**

**ICE
CREAM
TIME!**

KRAKK

**...TEAM
KATAKURA!**

...





I WISH THERE WERE AN EVERYTHING CLUB!

THE PROBLEM IS I LIKE THEM ALL SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T FOCUS ON JUST ONE.

ARE THERE ANY SPORTS YOU AREN'T GOOD AT, KEIICHI?

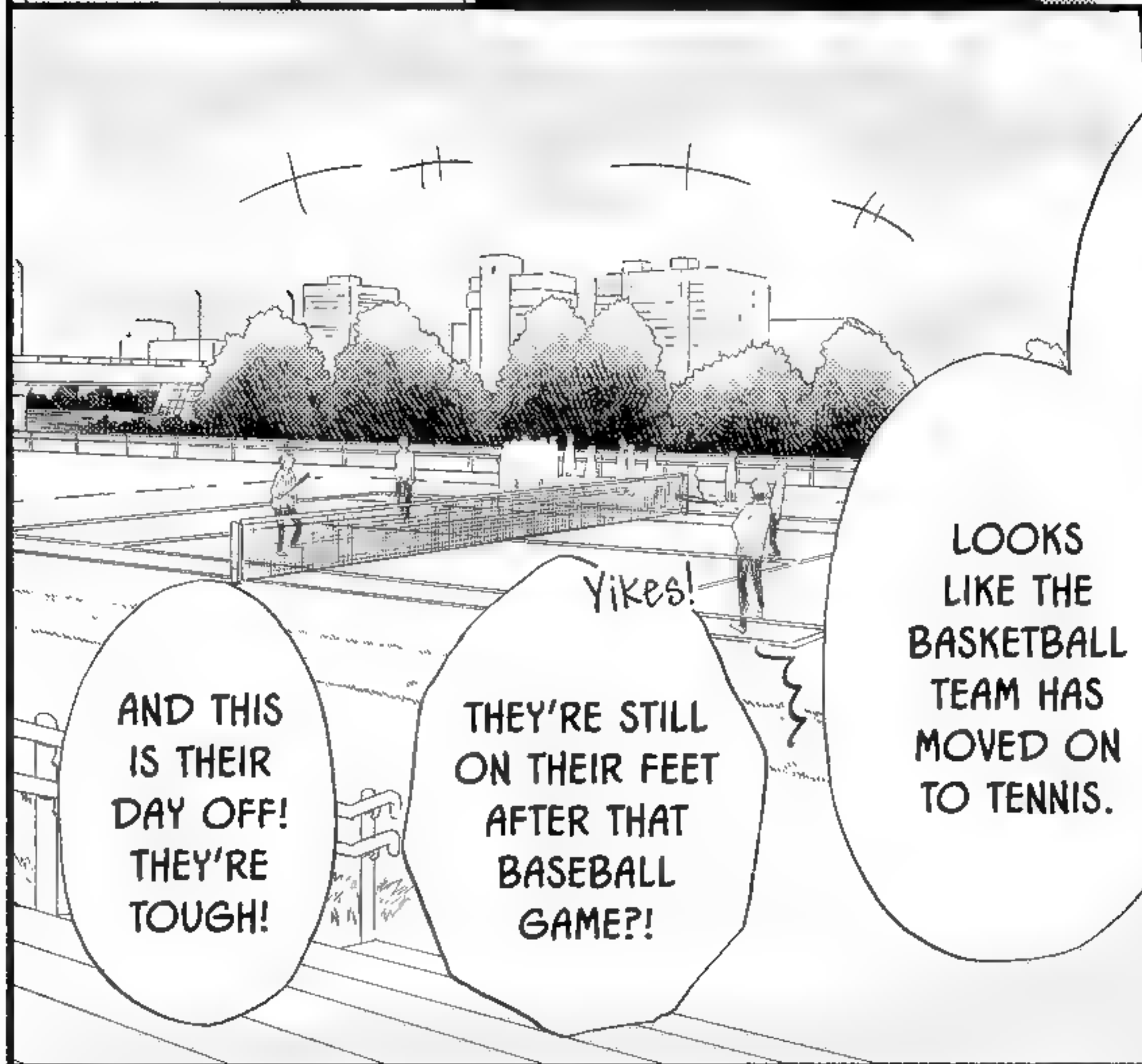


THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, MATTSUN.

WHY?!
KEIICHI HAD
TAIZO ON
HIS TEAM!

The odds were against me!

EATING ICE CREAM EVEN THOUGH THEY LOST ↑



AND THIS IS THEIR DAY OFF! THEY'RE TOUGH!

Yikes!
THEY'RE STILL ON THEIR FEET AFTER THAT BASEBALL GAME?!

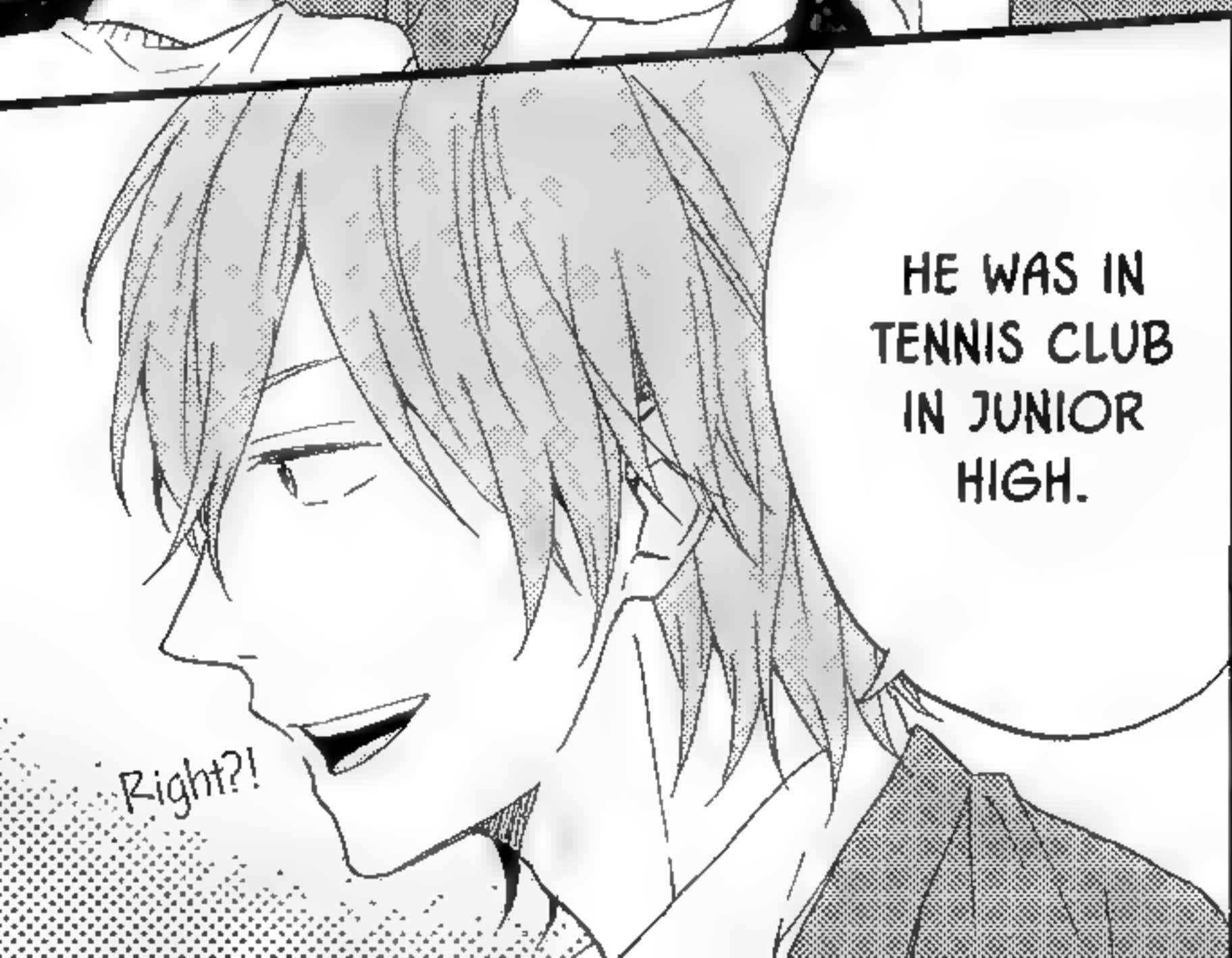
LOOKS LIKE THE BASKETBALL TEAM HAS MOVED ON TO TENNIS.

ARE YOU GOING TO GET IN ON THAT GAME NEXT?



AH HA HA

HA HA





ALSO
THERE
WAS...
TRAUMA.



BUT I WAS
NEVER THAT
GOOD
AT IT.

**YOU WERE?!
YOU SHOULD
JOIN IN!**

I'll go
with you!



TROMP

TROMP



...

TRAUMA?

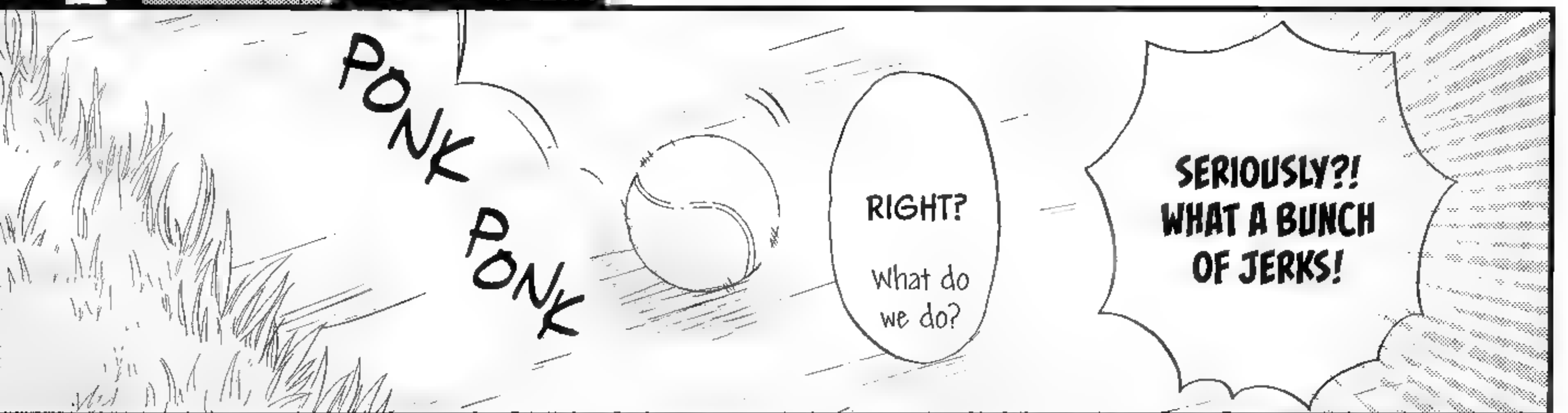
What
happened?



KIND
OF,
YEAH.

WHAT ARE
YOU GUYS
DOING
HERE? DONE
ALREADY?

HUH?
TAIZO?







WOULD YOU MIND GIVING THEM BACK?

THE THING IS, THOSE ARE OUR TENNIS CLUB'S RACQUETS.

SAY, UH... IMAGAWA...

FRET
FRET



COULD YOU GET HIM TO GIVE THEM BACK?

LISTEN... THOSE ARE THE TENNIS CLUB'S RACQUETS.

YOU KNOW HIM, HASHIBA?

BRUISE

HUH?
OH...
Really..?



SURE.

THESE RACQUETS, HUH?



WHAT?

WE'LL GIVE THEM BACK RIGHT AFTER YOU BEAT US.



HUH?!

RACQUETS ?!

SNARL



UM... WE BORROWED THEM, SO...

YES!

Sorry!

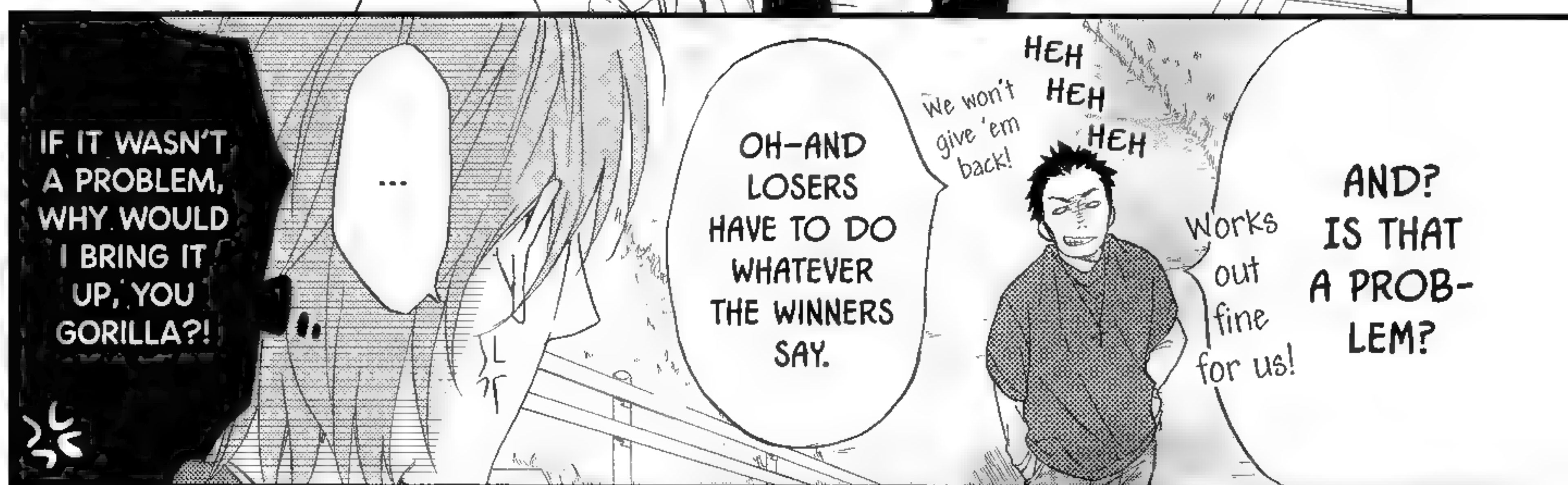


SORRY.
WE CAN'T
PLAY
TENNIS.

IF YOU WIN,
NO PROBLEM.
WE'LL GIVE
THEM BACK.

YOU AND
YOUR THREE
FRIENDS
THERE CAN
PLAY US
FOR THE
RACQUETS.

THERE'S
FOUR
OF US,
RIGHT?



IF IT WASN'T
A PROBLEM,
WHY WOULD
I BRING IT
UP, YOU
GORILLA?!

...

OH-AND
LOSERS
HAVE TO DO
WHATEVER
THE WINNERS
SAY.

HEH
HEH
HEH
We won't
give 'em
back!

Works
out
fine
for us!

AND?
IS THAT
A PROB-
LEM?



BY THE
WAY...

WE'LL PLAY
DOUBLES.
TWO SETS
TO WIN.

FIGURE
OUT YOUR
PLAYING
ORDER.

URGH

HYUCK/
YUCK
YUCK

See
you
on the
court!

JUST SO
YOU KNOW,
WE'RE ALL
FORMER
TENNIS CLUB
MEMBERS!

NO
SPORTS-
MANSHIP
AT ALL.

This
isn't
fair!

TALK
ABOUT
IMMATURE.

They're like
elementary
school kids.

YEAH...
HE WAS TWO
YEARS AHEAD
OF ME IN
JUNIOR
HIGH.

SORRY,
GUYS...

NAH,
IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT.

WELL...

HE JUST CAME DOWN
↓

IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
HE LIKES
YOU VERY
MUCH.
Didn't you get
along?

THAT GUY
USED TO BE
IN YOUR
TENNIS
CLUB,
NATCHAN?

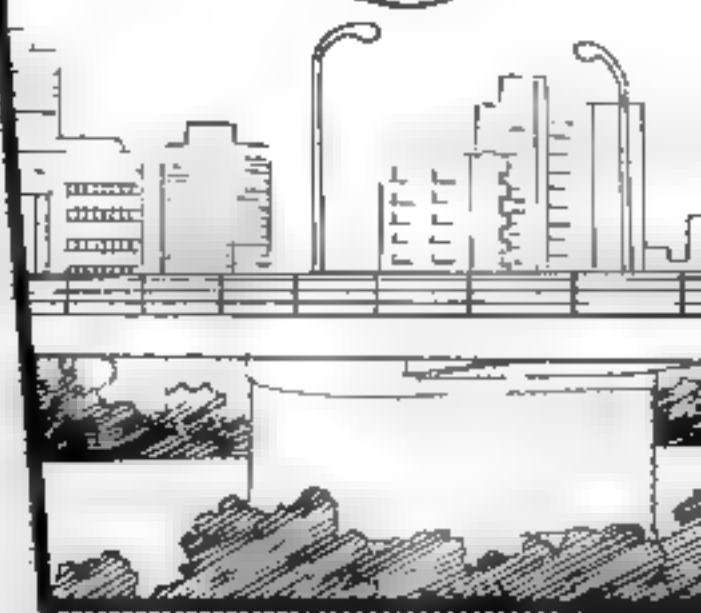


YES?

HASHIBA!

NATSUKI,
FIRST-YEAR,
JUNIOR HIGH

HE WAS
FINE AT
FIRST...



Dhhh!

YOU
DO,
HUH?

I EVEN LIKE
HITTING
THE BALL
AGAINST
WALLS!

YES!

POM

SHRIMP

POM

YOU
SETTLING
INTO THE
CLUB
OKAY?



Hello!

AYA!

HIYA!
PRACTICING
HARD?

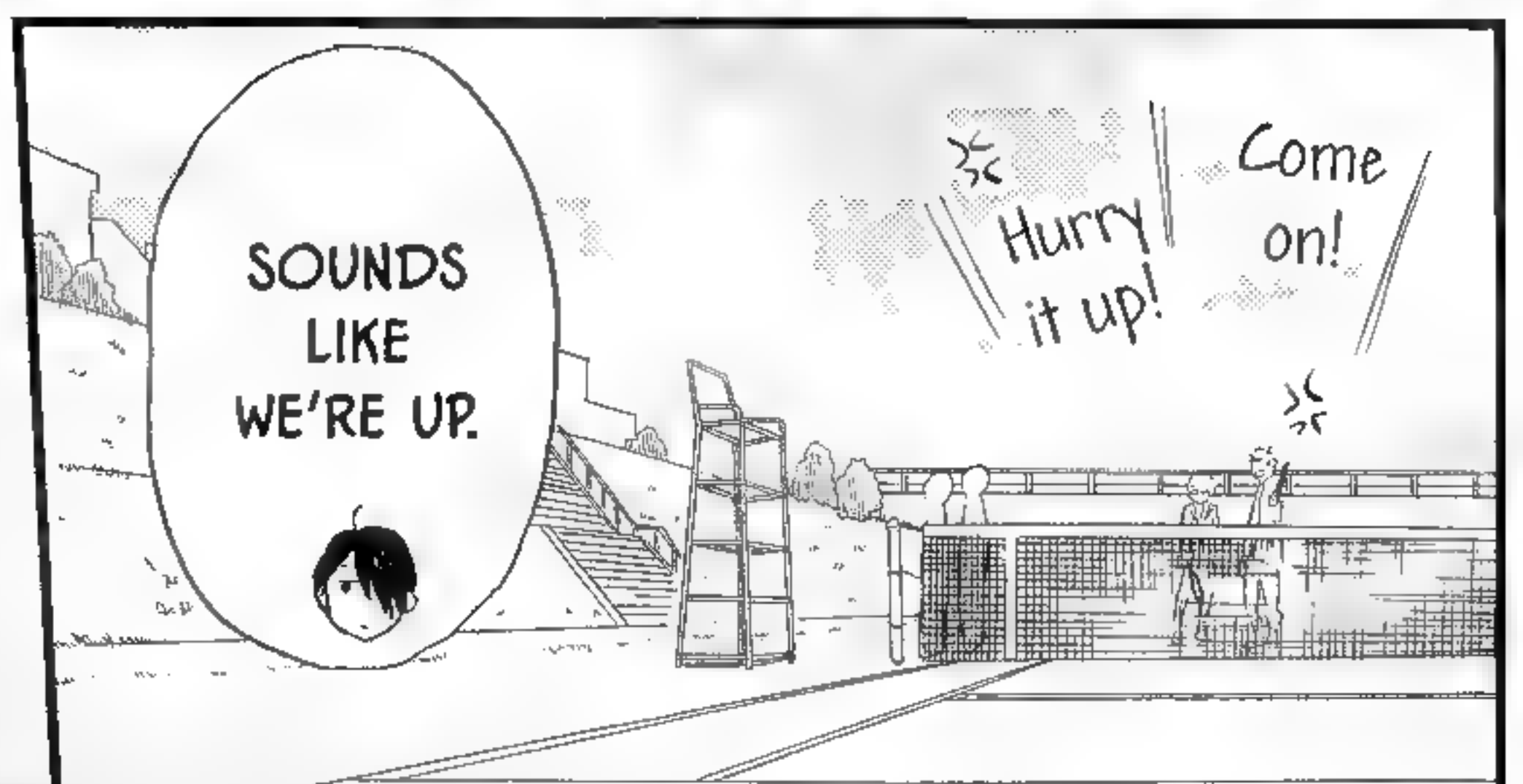
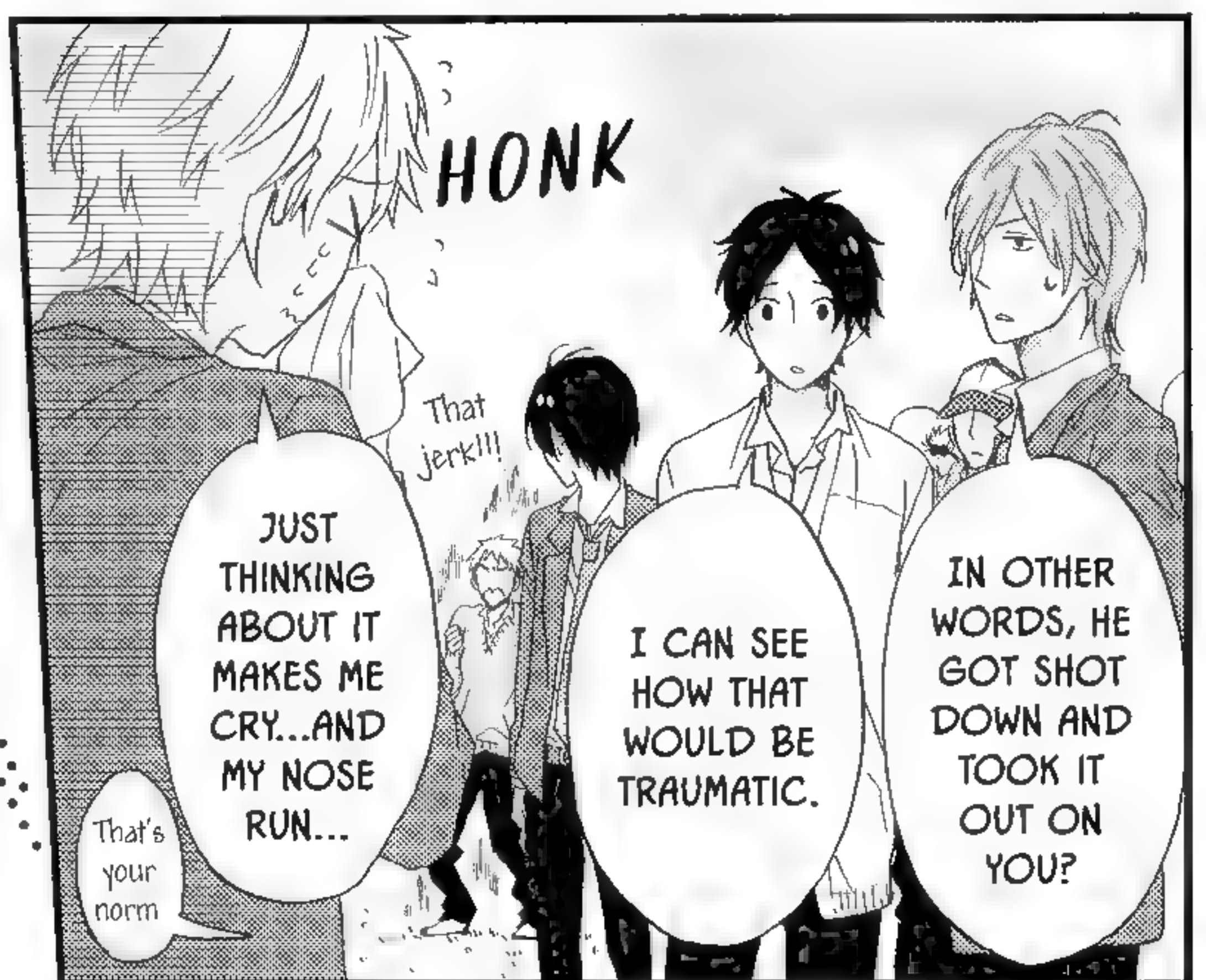


Hey!

NATCHAN!









YOU
GUYS...

P
L
U
B

WE'LL CRUSH
THEM INTO
POWDER!

LET'S
DO
THIS!

TIME TO
AVENGE
NATSUKI AND
GET THOSE
RACQUETS
BACK!

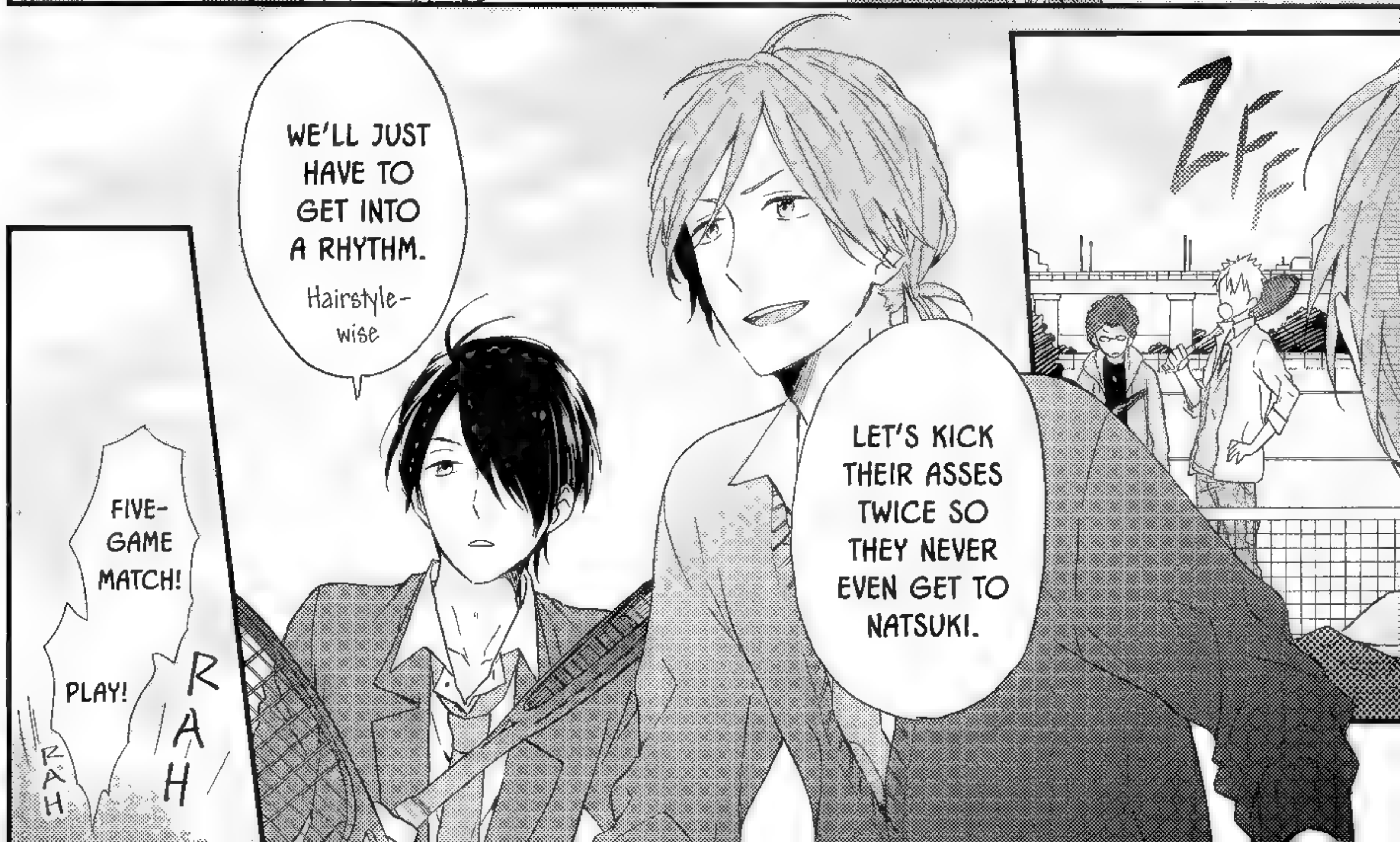


OH...
SERI-
OUSLY?

YOU'RE
PLAY-
ING
TOO!
Get over
here!!

I'LL BE
UMPIRE
THEN.

Leave it
to me.



WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO
GET INTO
A RHYTHM.

Hairstyle-
wise

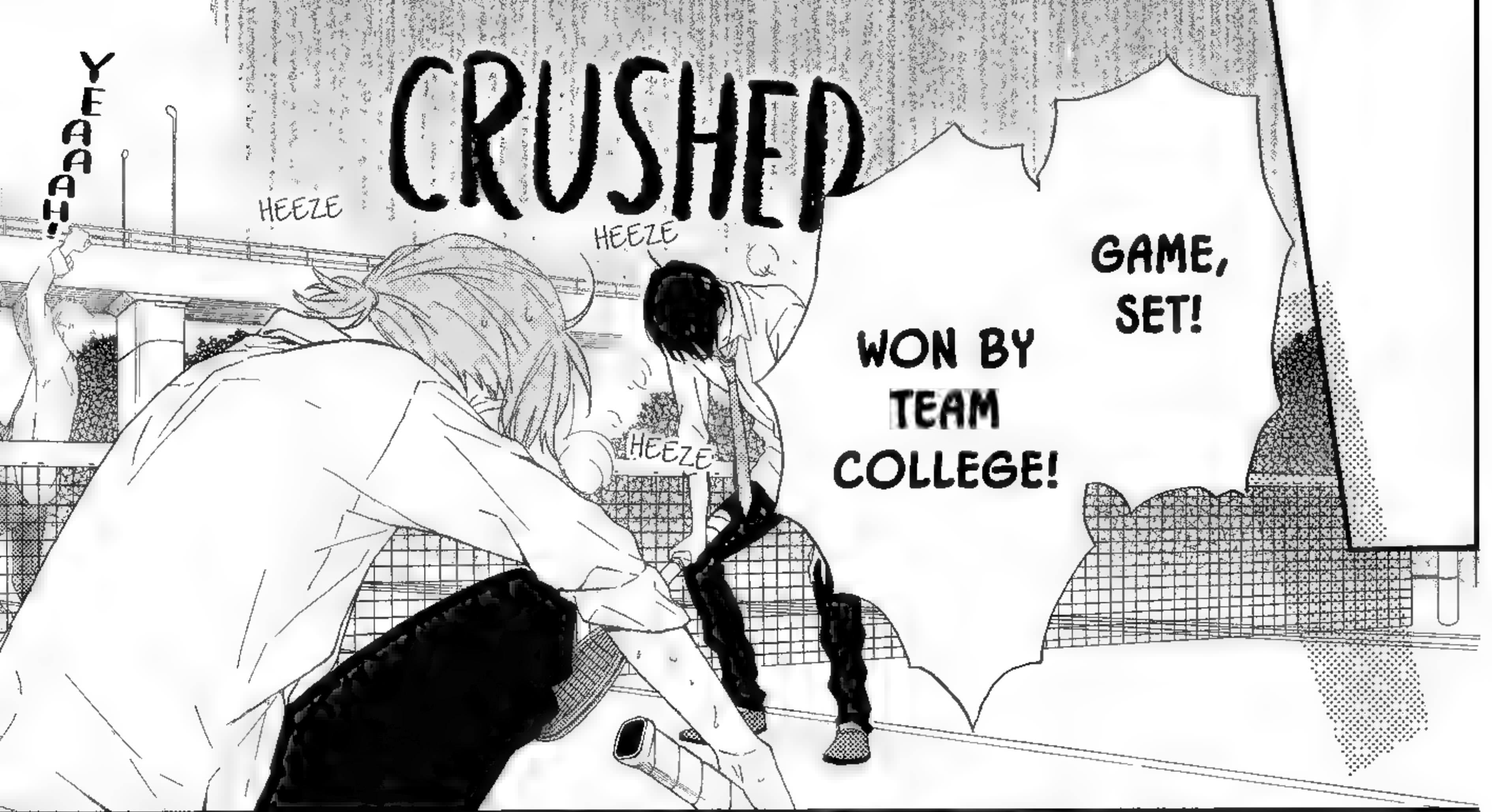
FIVE-
GAME
MATCH!

PLAY!

RAH
RAH

LET'S KICK
THEIR ASSES
TWICE SO
THEY NEVER
EVEN GET TO
NATSUKI.

ZE



CRUSHED

GAME,
SET!

WON BY
TEAM
COLLEGE!



I'M AN
INDOOR
GUY.

I TOLD
YOU I
CAN'T...

TSUYOSHI!
YOU HAVE
TO MOVE TO
PLAY THIS
GAME!

A
FLAWLESS
DEFEAT.

I
THOUGHT
THIS
MIGHT
HAPPEN...



Stay
with me,
Tsuyopon!

I can't.
I'm a
goner...

MIGHT
GET
SOME
FREE
RAC-
QUETS
OUT OF
THIS.

SHEESH...
ARE WE EVEN
GOING TO
GET TO
PLAY?

TSUYO-
POON!

TSUYO-
SHI'S
COL-
LAPSED!

He's
cough-
ing up
blood!

Call
119!



LET'S
WIN THIS
TOGETHER!



KEI-CHAN!

!!



RIGHT!



Cast a resur-
rection
spell!

Kazing!

TSUYOSHI!

HANG IN
THERE,
TSUYO-
SHI!

WAAAH

FROM
D



NATCHAN...
YOUR
RACQUET...

SORRY. I
COULDN'T...
DEFEAT
THEM...

AVENGE...
ME...



I
KNOW
THAT!

REMEMBER,
OUR
SIDE'S
UP ONE
MATCH.

YOU
WANT TO
WIN, YOU
GOTTA
BEAT US
TWICE.

BACK IN
JUNIOR
HIGH...

I HAVEN'T
HELD A
RACQUET
IN AGES.

...I
HATED
HIM.

SO...

TENNIS
CLUB
WASN'T
FUN AGAIN
UNTIL HE
GRADUATED.



...THE
IDEA OF
JOINING
A CLUB
IN HIGH
SCHOOL...

...NEVER
ENTERED
MY MIND.

Go!

Play!



COME
ON,
NATCHAN!

AND I'M
PRETTY
SURE THAT'S
BECAUSE...

DON'T
LET
THEM
WIN!

15-0!

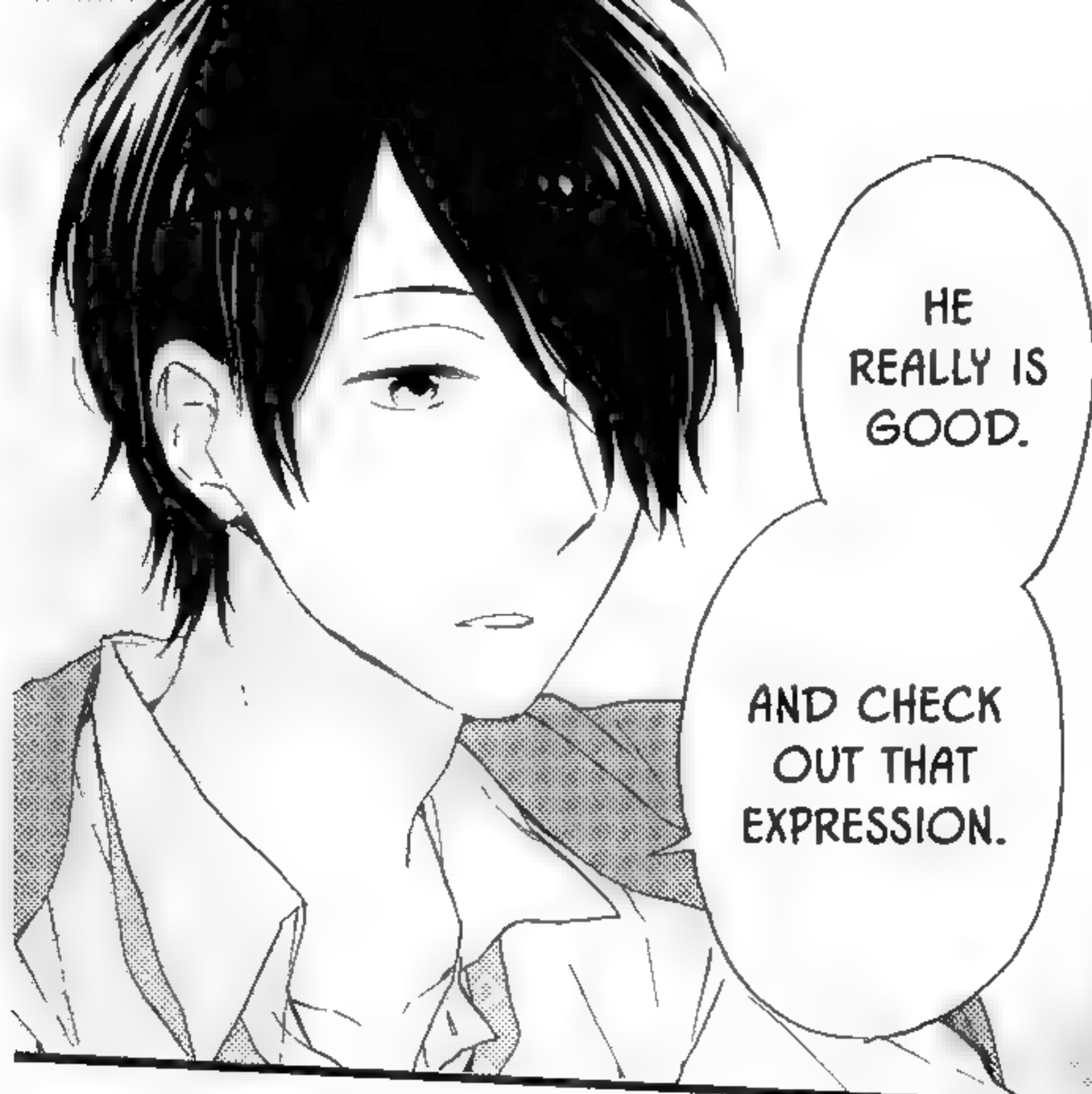
JUST
GOES TO
SHOW,
HUH?

WHOA!
CHECK OUT
NATSUKI!

I thought
he sucked
at sports.

← RESURRECTED





HE
REALLY IS
GOOD.

AND CHECK
OUT THAT
EXPRESSION.



NATSUKI IS
KICKING
ASS!

Keiichi too.

THEY
DID IT!
ONE-
ALL!

Game,
set!

Yeah!

Crap!



Yay, us!!

HE'S
REALLY
ENJOYING
THIS.



WELL,
YEAH.

THAT'D BE
BORING AS
HELL!

IF HE ALWAYS
LOOKED THE
WAY HE DOES
NOW, GIRLS
WOULD BE ALL
OVER HIM.

OR WHINING
AND PULLING
WEIRD FACES.

Like usual.

MAKES A
CHANGE
FROM
CRYING.

Ahh

POKY





OH...
THANKS.

Like
we
prom-
ised

HERE.
YOUR
RACQUETS.

RAH

RAH

That
ruled!
No
way!



YOU'VE
GROWN
UP.

YOU
KNOW,
KID...

HEH



IMAGAWA...!



**HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE,
PLEASE!**

STAY
OUT OF
TROUBLE,
BOYS.

FWIP



SADISTIC
KEIICHI!

LOOM

WHY
ARE YOU
POIGNANTLY
STROLLING
OFF INTO
THE SUNSET?

LOOKS LIKE
THAT TENNIS
MATCH DID
WONDERS FOR
MY SWING.
♡

REMEMBER
THE BET?
YOU HAVE
TO DO
WHAT WE
SAY.

What
the
hell?!

WHAT?
UH...

Aagh!
Mommy!

P
T
A
N
G

G
Y
A
A
A
H

Kneel
before
me,
worms!

AH
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

P
T
A
N
G





IT
WAS
FUN.

YEAH...



BUT...

...I THINK
THAT WAS
BECAUSE YOU
GUYS WERE
WITH ME.

YOU
BETTER
BE
CAREFUL!

AGAIN
WITH THE
FLATTERY!

ALL WE
DO IS
GOOF
OFF!

OR
STUDY...

WE
DON'T
BREAK
A SWEAT
MOST
DAYS.

WE'RE
PRETTY LAZY
AFTER ALL.

I
KNOW.



THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
WAYS TO
SPEND YOUR
DAYS...

THAT'S
THE FUN
PART!

...BUT FOR
US, THIS
FEELS
RIGHT.




Rainbow Days



Everyone except Taizo got treated as extras,
but I amused myself making up characters
for the basketball team members.

Ha ha!

Basketball team is fun!



**BASKETBALL TEAM
SECOND-YEARS**

Taizo Sanada

The Dad
Went to same junior high as Kei-chan
More focused on the team than romance right now



Kakei

The Man of Mystery
Face always covered up by cap



Mochizuki

The Hot One
Second-year ace
Half Russian

|| GRAAAH! ||



Nezu

The Warrior
From Kansai region
Passionate and loud



Yuri

The Fashion Plate
Has tongue piercing
Likes guitar



Miyoshi

The Shrimp
Feisty
Rock-paper-scissors champion

And there could be five others...?!
Must be hard to get out on the court with this many members!

BIP

KLIK

5/1

MESSAGE SENT

If the afternoon
on day 2 is okay.

KLIK

Would you like to
look around the
school festival
together?

Kobayakawa

Hashiba

HASHIBA.
HE INVITED
ME TO
SEE THE
SCHOOL
FESTIVAL
WITH HIM.

ANNA!
WHO DO
YOU KEEP
TEXTING?!

THIS
FESTIVAL IS
GOING TO
BE FUN...

Sounds
great!

MM.

WHAT?!
GROSS!
YOU SAID
YES?!

WHAT
ABOUT
ME?!

WANT TO
DO THE
ROUNDS
ON
DAY 1?

Rainbow Days

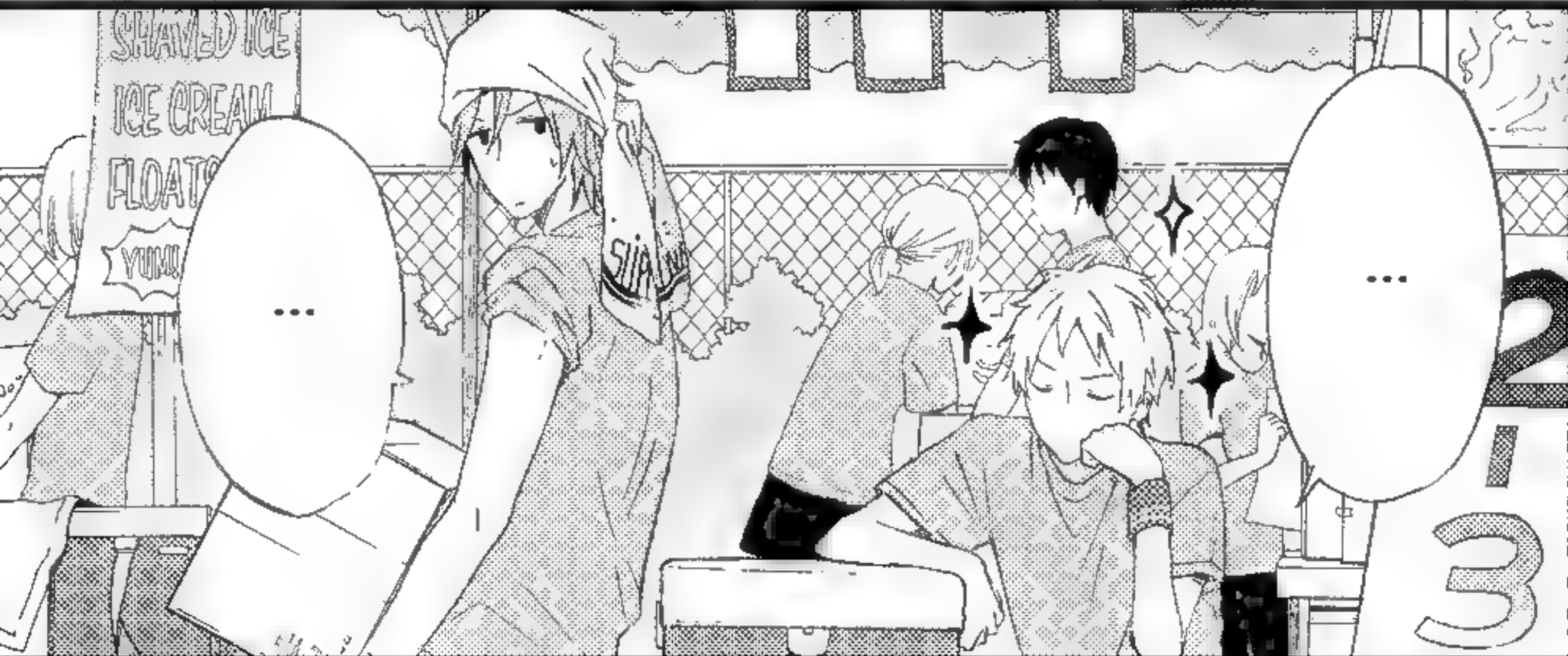
Chapter 5





I FEEL LIKE
I'M STEADILY
CLIMBING THE
STAIRS TO
ADULTHOOD.

NATSUKI HASHIBA

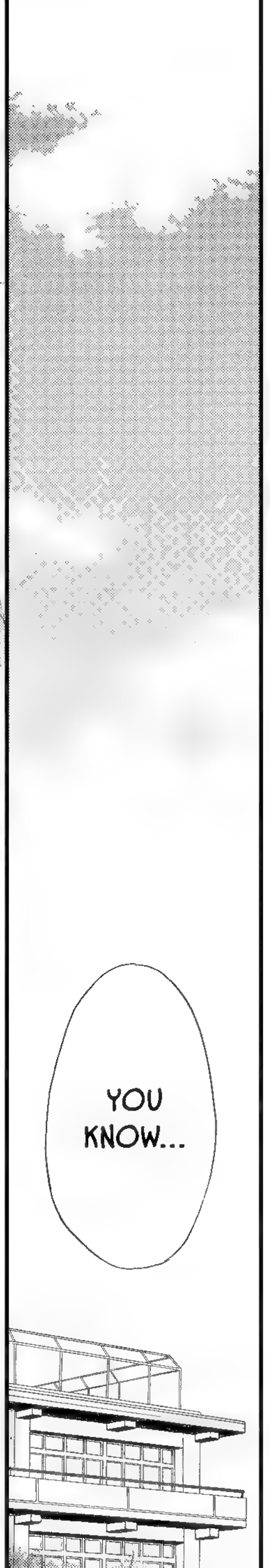


Okay,
I'll bite.

WHY?

YOU
KNOW...

**TOMOYA
MATSUNAGA**



JUNE IS
OVER, AND
JULY-
SUMMER!-
IS HERE.

HELLO,
EVERYONE.
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE, BUT
I'M STILL
NATSUKI
HASHIBA.

How
stupid
are
you?!

THAT'S
ALL?!

BECAUSE I JUST
SENT A TOTALLY
SMOOTH TEXT
TO KOBAYAKAWA
ASKING HER TO
HANG OUT
WITH ME!

Praise
me!

YARI

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?

YARI

...AND OUR
SCHOOL'S
FESTIVAL IS
JUST TWO
DAYS AWAY.

HERE IN
THE NORTH,
THIS IS
SCHOOL
FESTIVAL
SEASON...

RIGHT?!

WOW!
THAT'S
COOL!
Kimono!

WHOA!

You're
right!

ANYWAY,
SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
ASKING HER
STUFF LIKE
THAT IN
PERSON?

To get used
to it.



I HAVEN'T FINISHED.

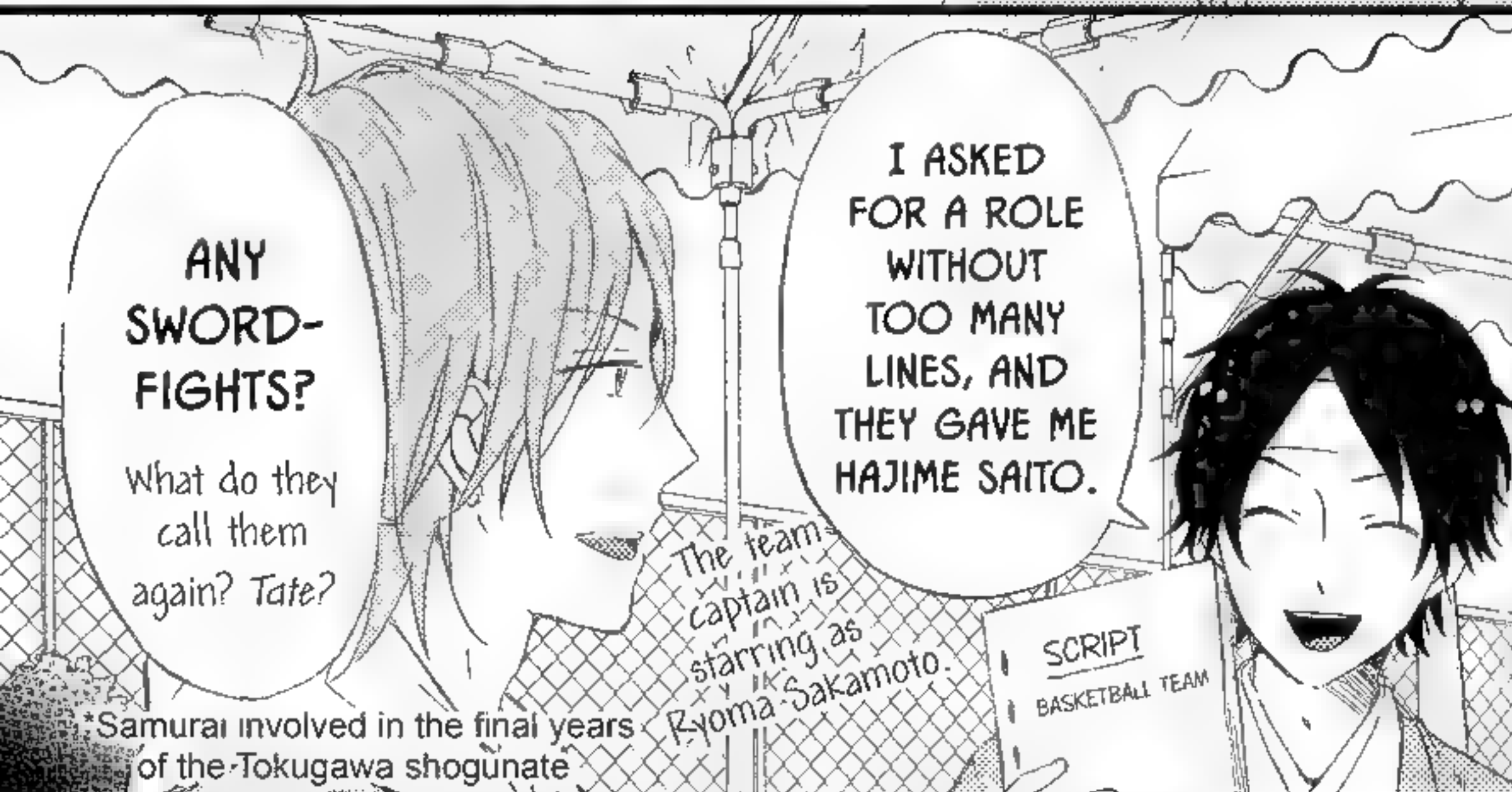
WOW, THAT'S COOL.

GET THIS!
I TEXTED
KOBAYAKAWA,
AND-

WHAT'S
THAT? A
COSTUME?

KEIICHI
KATAKURA

HEY, GUYS!
WHAT ARE
WE TALKING
ABOUT?



ANY
SWORD-
FIGHTS?

What do they
call them
again? Tate?

I ASKED
FOR A ROLE
WITHOUT
TOO MANY
LINES, AND
THEY GAVE ME
HAJIME SAITO.

The team
captain is
starring as
Ryoma Sakamoto.

SCRIPT
BASKETBALL TEAM

*Samurai involved in the final years
of the Tokugawa shogunate



HA
HA
HA

COME WATCH
THE PLAY
LATER,
OKAY?

Public
bondage!

BETTER!
I GET TO
TIE UP
ALL THE
RONIN!



YEAH.
FOR THAT
PLAY THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM IS
DOING.

YOU
JOINED THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM?

NOPE.

Just
helping
out

Huh?!







It's hot
out
here.

'SUP?

LOOK,
EVERYONE!

DOESN'T
CHIBA LOOK
GREAT
DRESSED AS
A MAN?

YOU'RE
NOT
FOR-
GIVEN.

I
MESSED
UP!
I'M
REALLY
SORRY!



CHIBA'S
THE
FAVORITE
TO WIN!

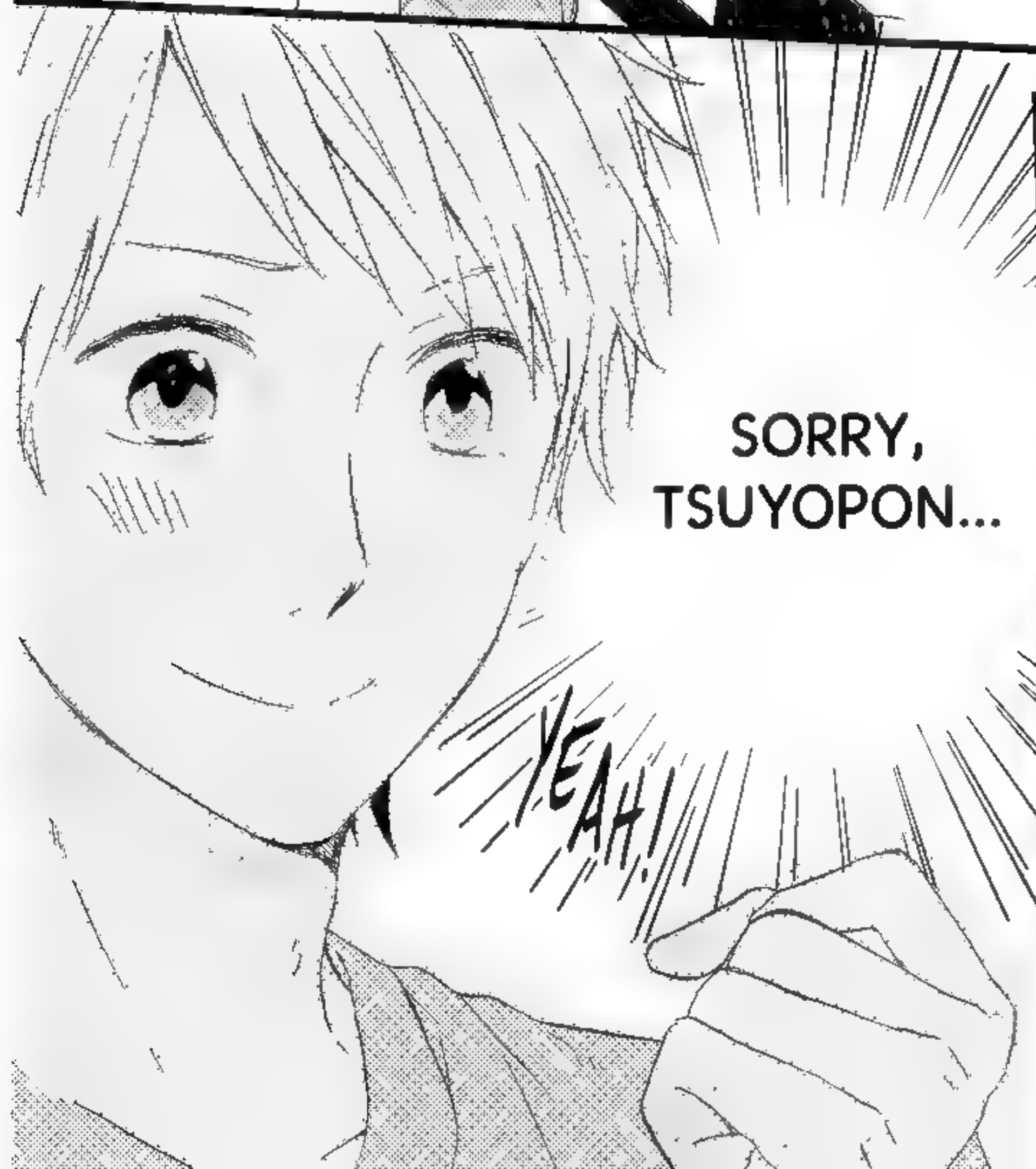
Look forward
to the contest
tomorrow!

SUPER-
COOL!

RIGHT?
PRETTY
COOL,
HUH?

And tall!
No wonder
you're on
the
volleyball
team

CHIBA!
LOOKING
GOOD!



SORRY,
TSUYOPON...

YEAH!



NOT
LONG
TO GO
NOW!

EVERYONE
SURE IS
EXCITED.

HEE

That just
leaves
Boo's
costume!

Where
is he,
any-
way?!

GOT A
FAN

2012
SEIRYC
FESTIVAL

HEE



AND
IT'S
ON!

MRMR

MRMR

I WANT
YAKISOBA!

I'm
starving!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING
FIRST,
MATTSON?



SOUNDS
NICE. I'LL
BE MANNING
THE STALL.

YOU'RE
GOING
RIGHT
NOW?

It's early.

YEP!!!

Of course!



...BUT I'M
GOING
TO HAVE
FUN!

GOOD
MORNING,
EVERYONE.

THE 27TH
SEIRYO
FESTIVAL HAS
OFFICIALLY
BEGUN!

THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
WILL NOW
GIVE THE
OPENING
ADDRESS..



STRUCK OUT

One more throw!

Gotta be 8. Three for sure



HAUNTED HOUSE

THIS WAY

Hey, it's Taizo!



COTTON CANDY

Kei-chan's play is still a while off, right?

MATTSUN, WANT SOME TSUKUNE?

FESTIVALS ARE GREAT. I LOVE YUKATA. ♡



MRMR

KEI-CHAN, WE'LL MAKE SURE TO CATCH YOUR PLAY!

ANYWAY, WE'LL CHECK THINGS OUT.

Bye.

YOU'D BETTER!

MRMR

WHERE?

CAN WE MAKE A QUICK STOP SOMEWHERE?

YEAH.



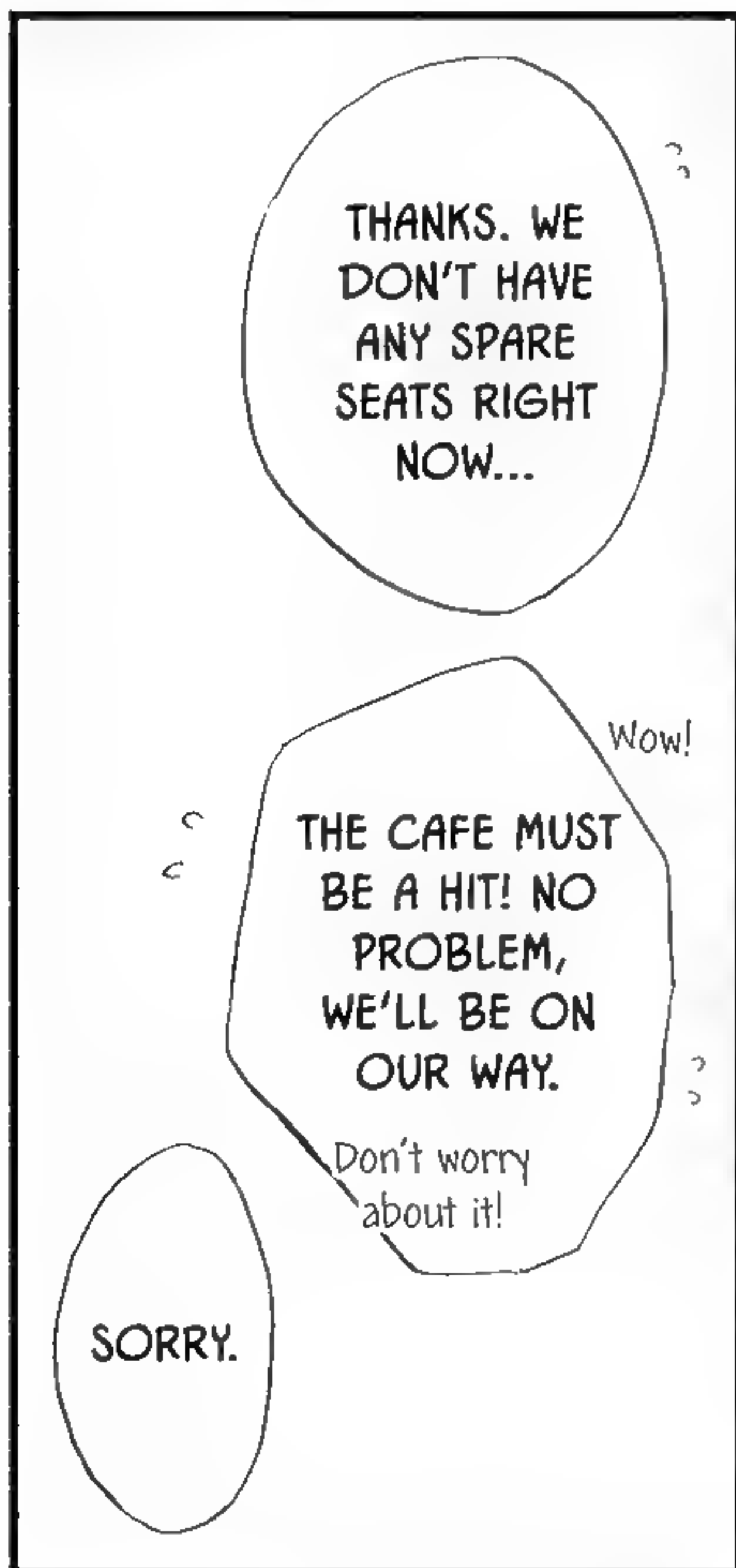
THEY'RE DOING A COSPLAY CAFE! ♡

KOBAYAKAWA'S CLASS! ♡

2-5

COSPLAY CAFE







WAS
THERE A
CHOCO-
BANANA
STALL?

ANYTHING
IN
PARTICULAR
YOU WANT
TO EAT?

THERE
WAS!



THE CANDY
APPLES
LOOKED
YUMMY TOO!

I REMEMBER
YOU LIKED
SWEETS!

REALLY?
That's
great.



SURE. I'LL
MEET YOU AT
2-3'S TENT
AFTER MY
SHIFT.

UM, SEE YOU
TOMORROW
THEN.



I
CAN'T
WAIT.



LET'S STUFF
OURSELVES!



S-L-U-M-P



With the heat!

I HEAR THE SHAVED ICE SOLD PRETTY WELL.

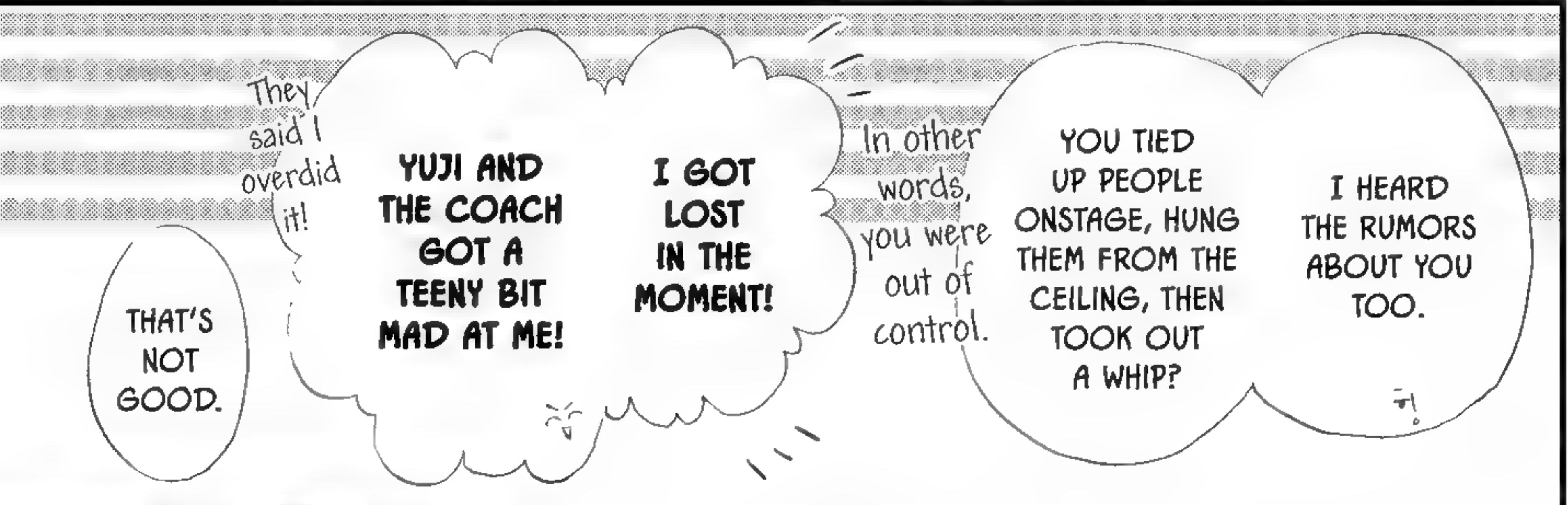
AHHH... DAY 1 IS FINALLY OVER...



THE FESTIVAL IS NOW OVER FOR THE DAY

PLEASE PACK UP AND RETURN TO YOUR HOME-ROOM

↑ NO STAMINA



THAT'S NOT GOOD.

They said I overdid it!

YUJI AND THE COACH GOT A TEENY BIT MAD AT ME!

I GOT LOST IN THE MOMENT!

In other words, you were out of control.

YOU TIED UP PEOPLE ONSTAGE, HUNG THEM FROM THE CEILING, THEN TOOK OUT A WHIP?

I HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT YOU TOO.



WE SURE DID!

You really overdid it!

WELCOME BACK! DID YOU CATCH THE PLAY?

2012 SEIRYO FESTIVAL



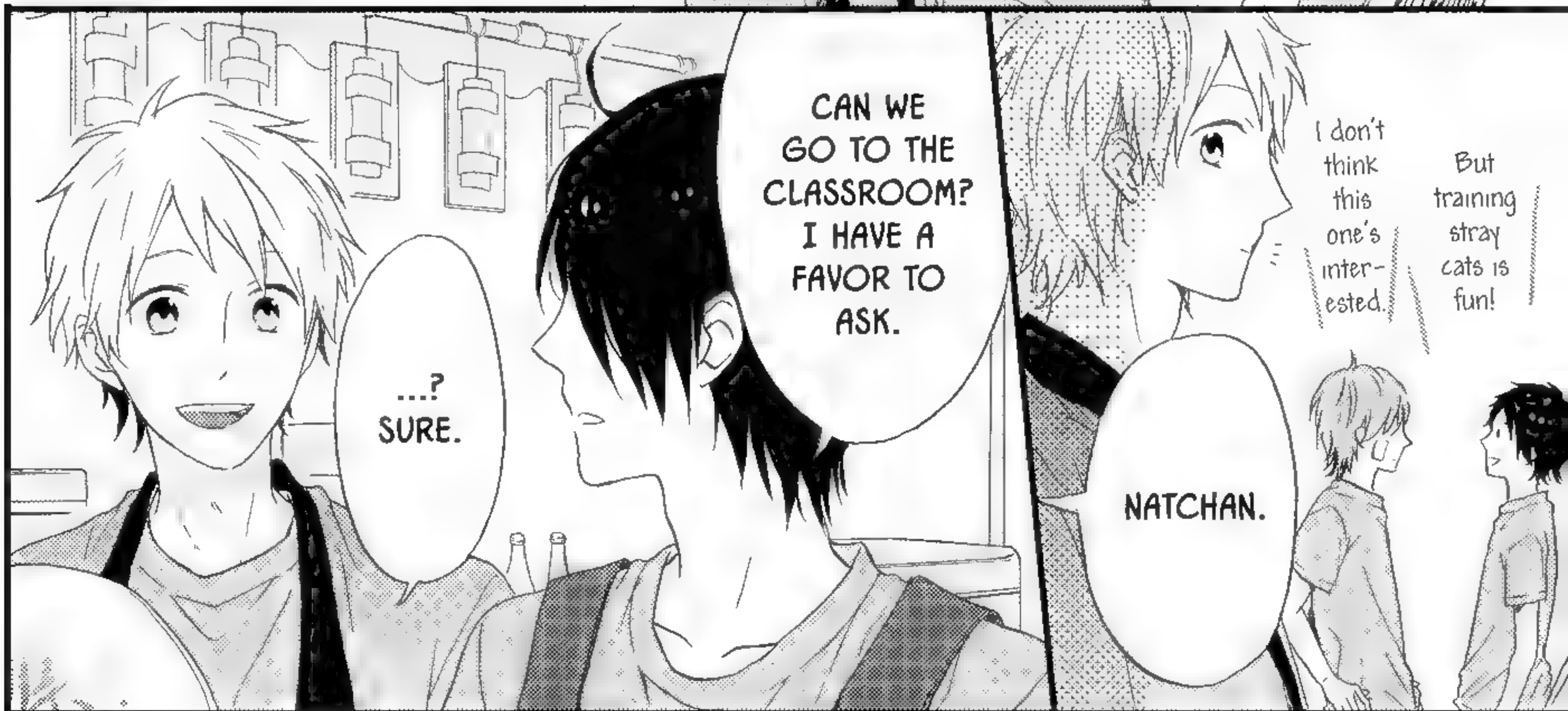
OH!

NAOE! WE HAVE A SITUATION!

WHAT NOW?

Can I borrow you?

Crap.



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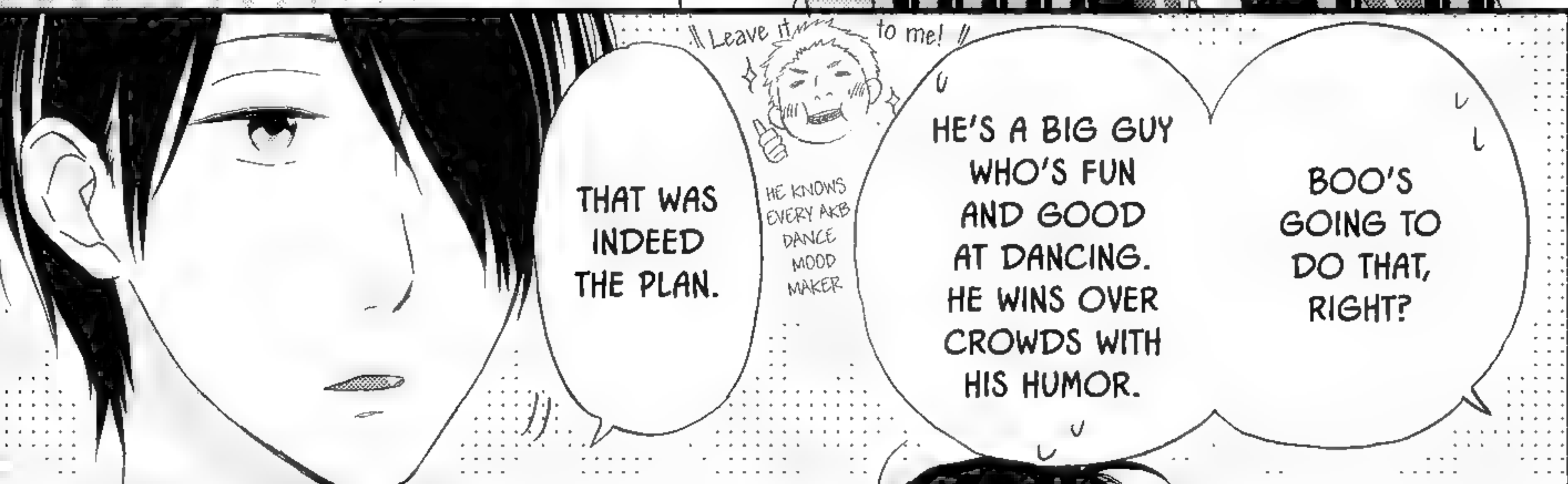
THE
CROSS-
DRESSING
CONTEST.

FOR
WHAT?

OH...

A
COSTUME.

WHAT'S
THAT?



THAT WAS
INDEED
THE PLAN.

Leave it to me!

HE KNOWS
EVERY AKB
DANCE
MOOD
MAKER

HE'S A BIG GUY
WHO'S FUN
AND GOOD
AT DANCING.
HE WINS OVER
CROWDS WITH
HIS HUMOR.

BOO'S
GOING TO
DO THAT,
RIGHT?



WHICH
MEANS!

WHICH
MEANS...?

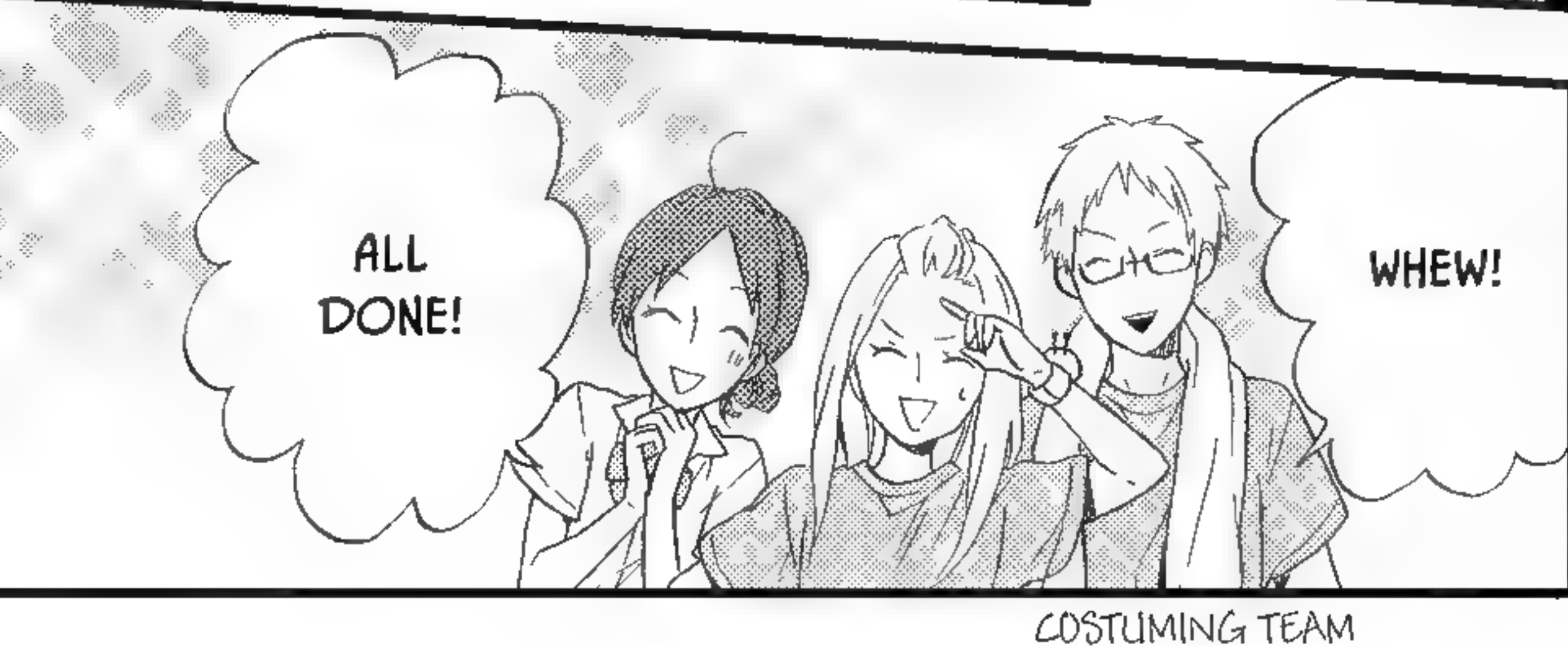
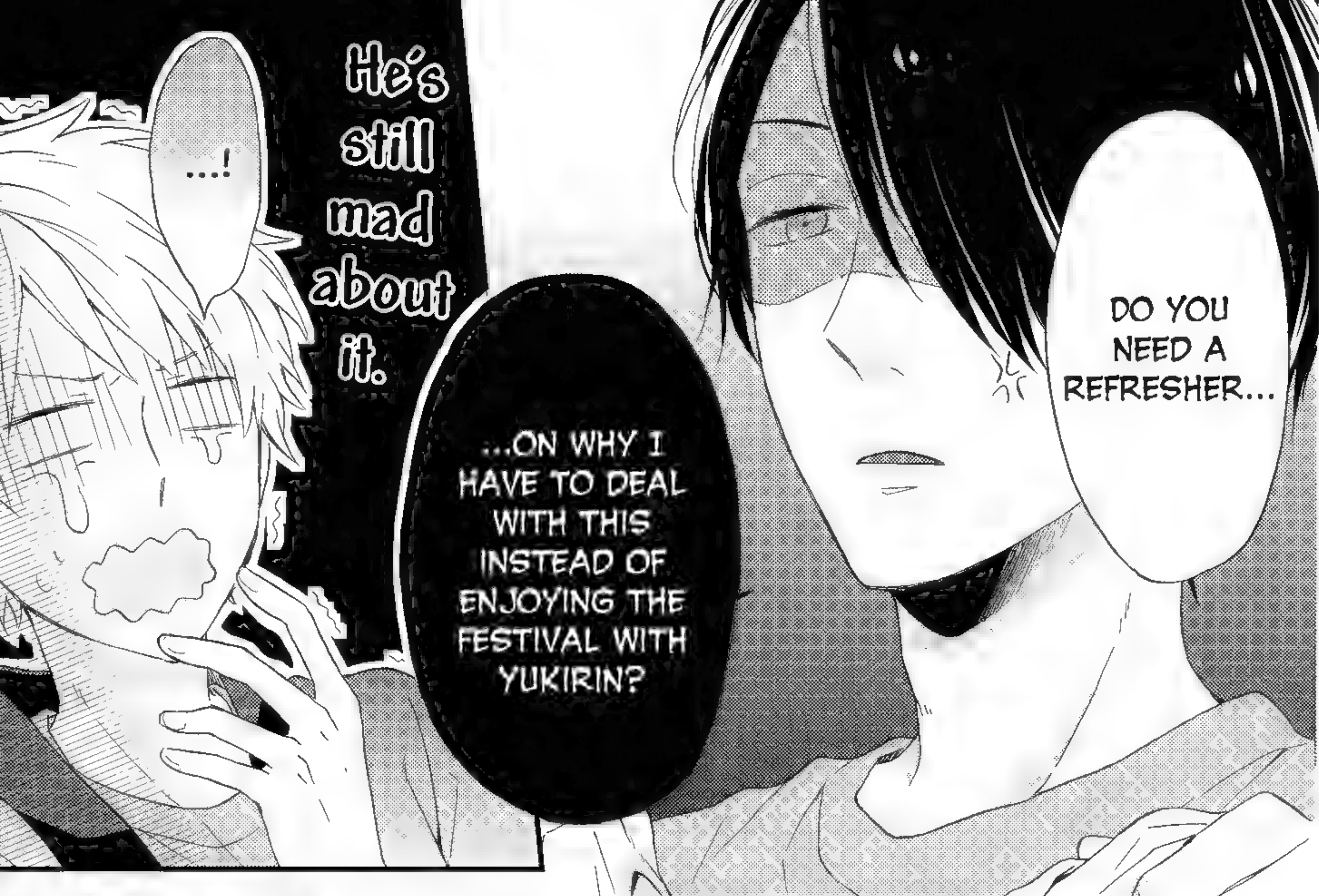
BUT.

FURTHER-
MORE, WE
JUST GOT
WORD
HE WON'T
BE HERE
TOMORROW.

AS YOU
NO DOUBT
NOTICED,
BOO IS AT
HOME WITH
A COLD.

That's why
he didn't
appear in
frame.









...THEN YOU
SEIZE HER
HAND IN
YOURS. YOU
GET THE
IDEA.

SHE SAYS
SOMETHING
SWEET TO
YOU...

A love
scene.

GYAH!



PART OF THE
CONTEST IS
A SKIT WITH
CHIBA.

SHE'LL
BE HERE
SOON FOR
REHEARSALS,
OKAY?

WHAT?!



GUFFAW

HEE I CAN'T!
HEE IT'S TOO
HEE FUNNY!

ISHIDA<

AND
DOESN'T
SUIT
HIM!

GUFFAW

HASHIBA!



THIS IS
AWFUL!

KYAH

WITH HASHIBA IN
THE ROLE, WE
SHOULD PLAY IT
STRAIGHT INSTEAD
OF GOING FOR
LAUGHS!

I
KNOW!

KYAH

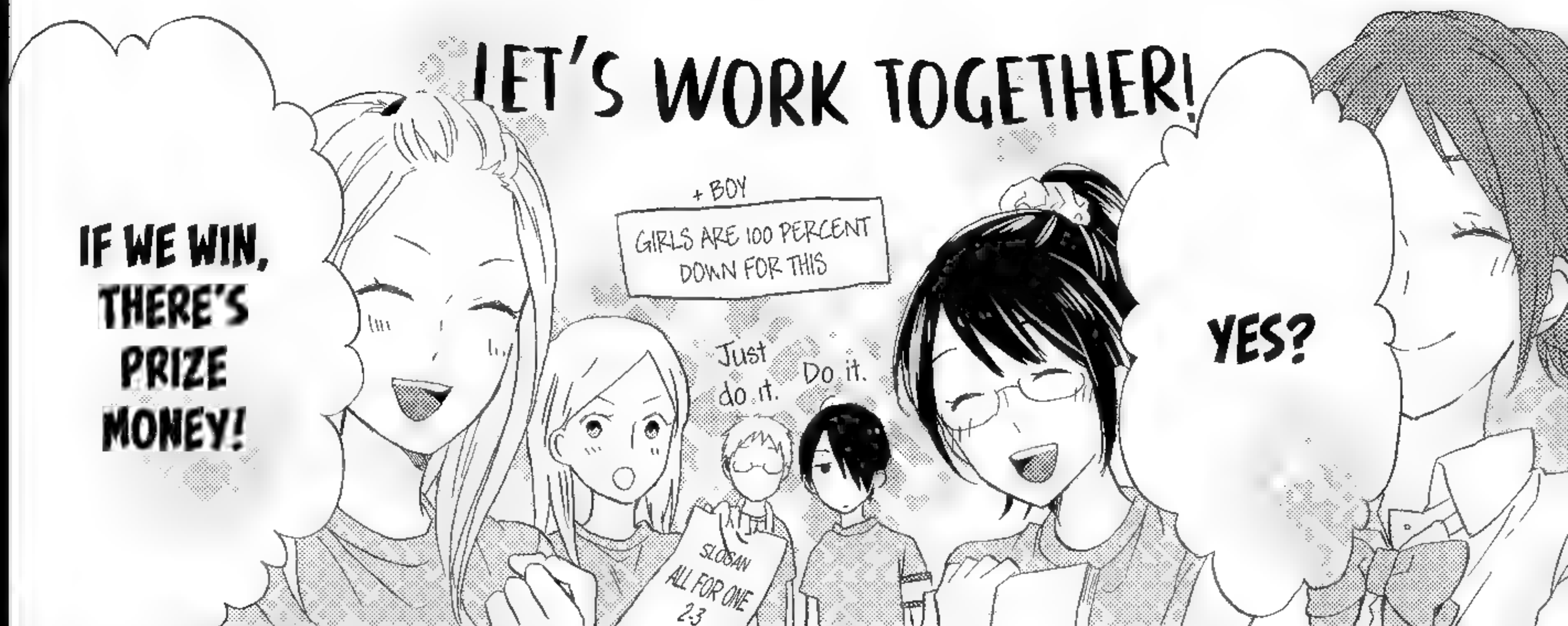
And
Chiba!



EVERYONE,
PLEASE! I
REALLY-

NOT BEING
ABLE TO SEE
KOBAYAKAWA
IS BAD
ENOUGH.

DO I HAVE
TO BE
HUMILIATED
TOO?!







K L A K



GOOD
LUCK WITH
YOUR CLASS
THING.

I'LL GET
BACK TO
TIDYING
UP THEN.



BUT HER
RESPONSE...

...HURT A
LITTLE.



...KOBAYA-
KAWA'S
ALWAYS
BEEN THE
COOL
TYPE...

I
KNOW...



ANNA! ARE
YOU FINISHED
TIDYING UP?
LET'S GO
HOME!
♥



I'm
going
back to
class

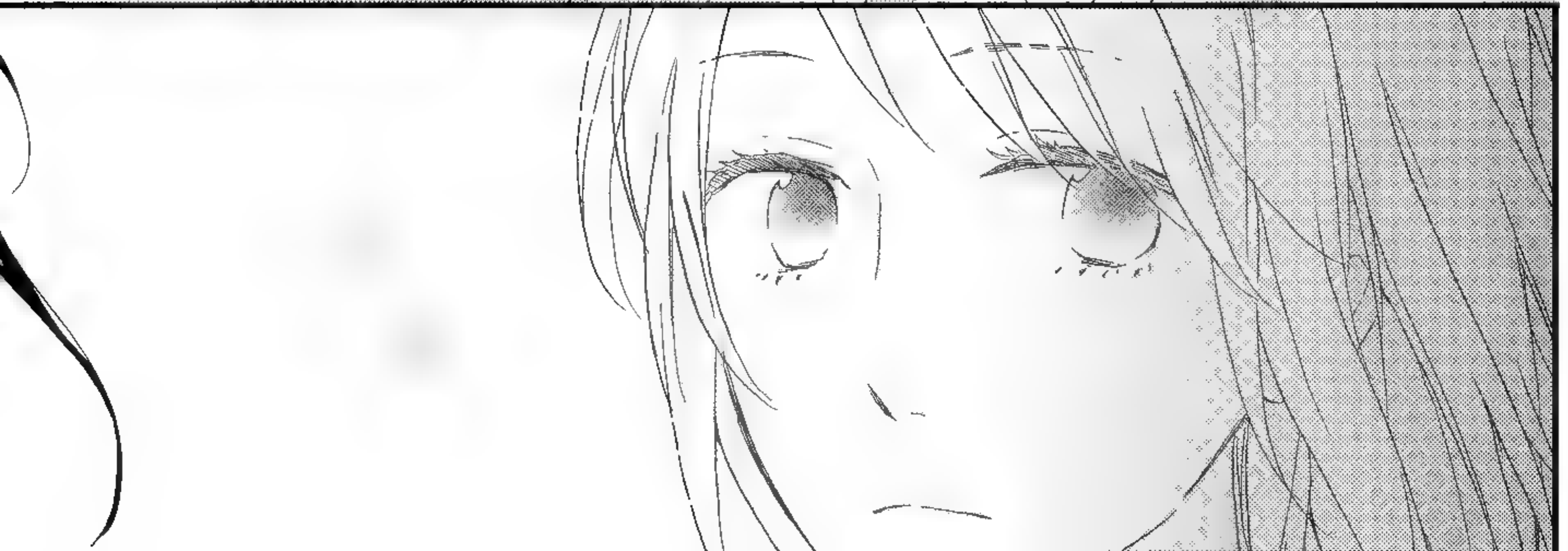
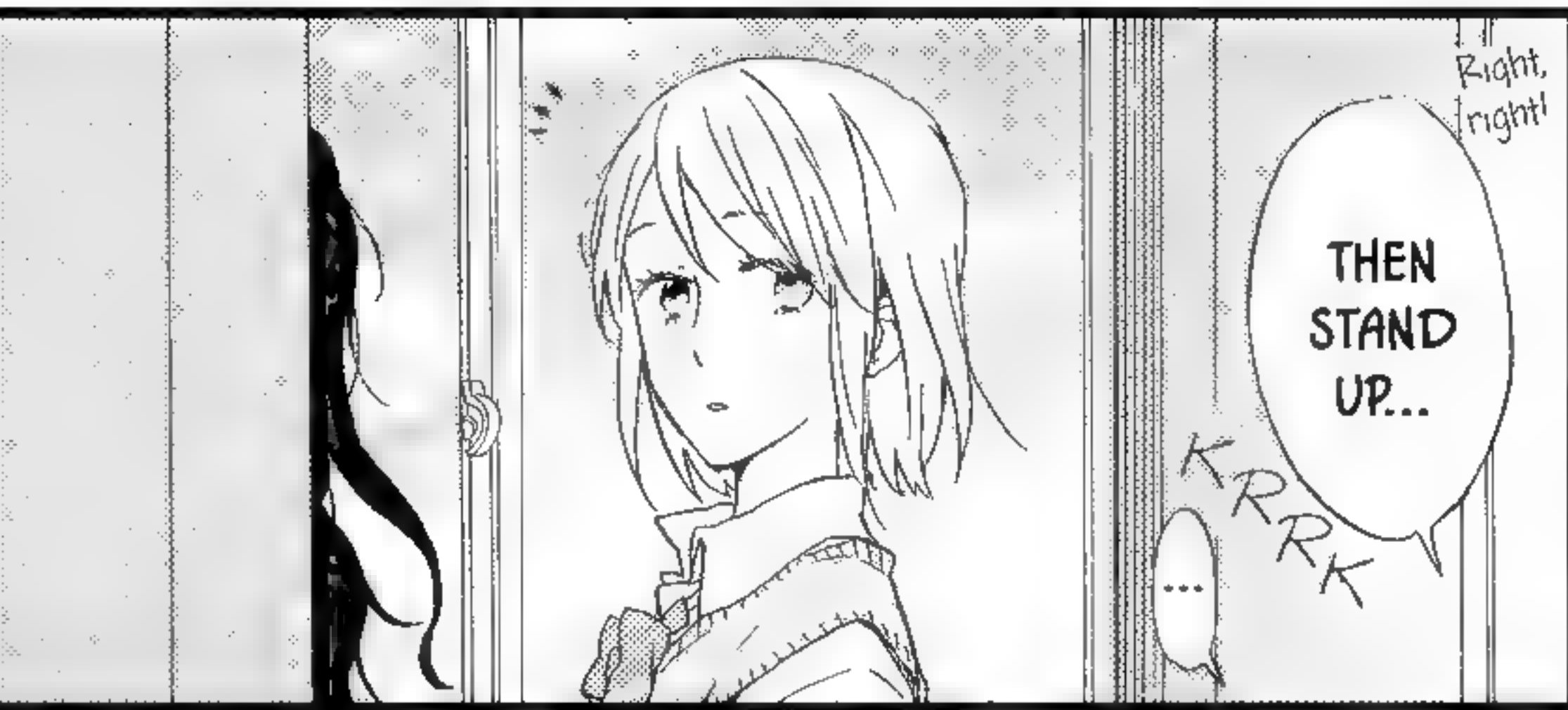
IT'S A
CROSS-
DRESSING
CONTEST,
AFTER
ALL...

MAYBE
IT'S GOOD
SHE
DIDN'T
ASK ANY
QUES-
TIONS.

S
I
G
H







TAP
TAP
TAP

THE GATES
WILL OPEN
AT...

PLEASE
PREPARE
YOUR
STALLS AND
ATTRAC-
TIONS
PROMPTLY.

MRMR

GOOD
MORNING,
EVERYBODY
WELCOME TO
THE SECOND DAY
OF THE FEST VAL.
WHEN WE WEL
COME OUTS,DE
GUESTS

MRMR

MRMR

I DON'T
WANT TO DO
THIS STUPID
CONTEST!

NOT WHEN
I COULD BE
HANGING
OUT WITH
KOBAYA-
KAWA!

Don't
you
get
it?!

ALSO,
ARE WE
ALLOWED
TO EAT
THIS
YET?

I
want
some
too!

Dooh!
Brain
freezel

SHIKK

PREPPING
THE 2-3 STALL

AW, THIS
IS SO
DEPRESS-
ING...

WHY?
LOOK
HOW
NICE THE
WEATHER
IS.

SIGH

ALREADY
EATING

Another
scorcher!

SHRAK

SHRAK

RRIP

SHAVED
ICE



THE BRASS
BAND GOT
MOVED...

...SO YOU HAVE
JUST OVER AN
HOUR OF FREE
TIME IN THE
AFTERNOON.

We start at
2 o'clock.

REALLY?!



LET'S
SEE...

ACTUALLY,
NO. IT GOT
PUSHED
BACK A BIT.

TSUYOPON,
WHEN DOES
THE CONTEST
START? RIGHT
AFTER LUNCH?



I'LL TRY
THE 2-5
CLASS-
ROOM
FIRST!

Please let her
be there!



YES!



**I'LL TAKE
IT!**

**I'M GOING
TO GO TALK TO
KOBAYAKAWA!**

Huh?

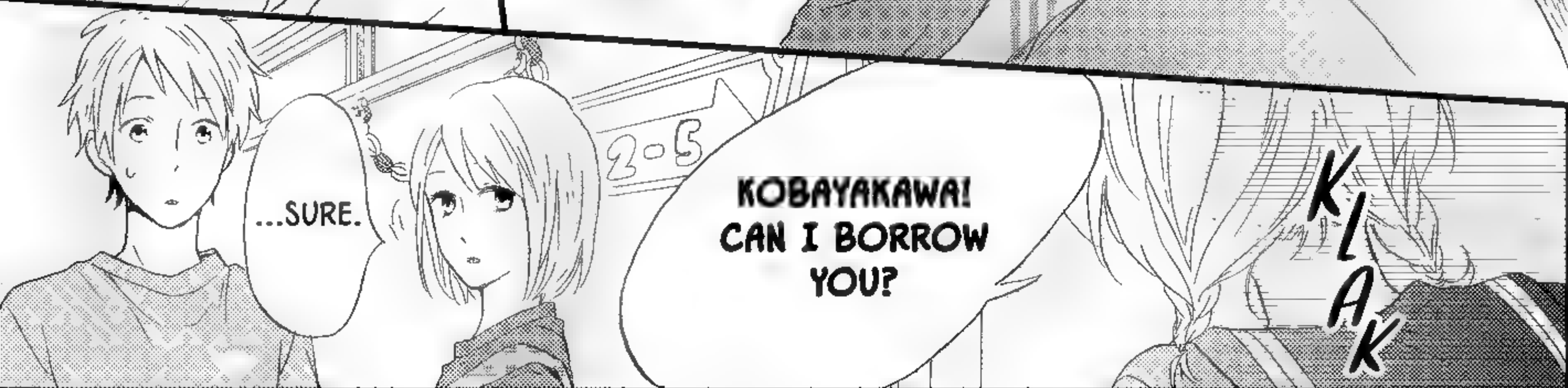
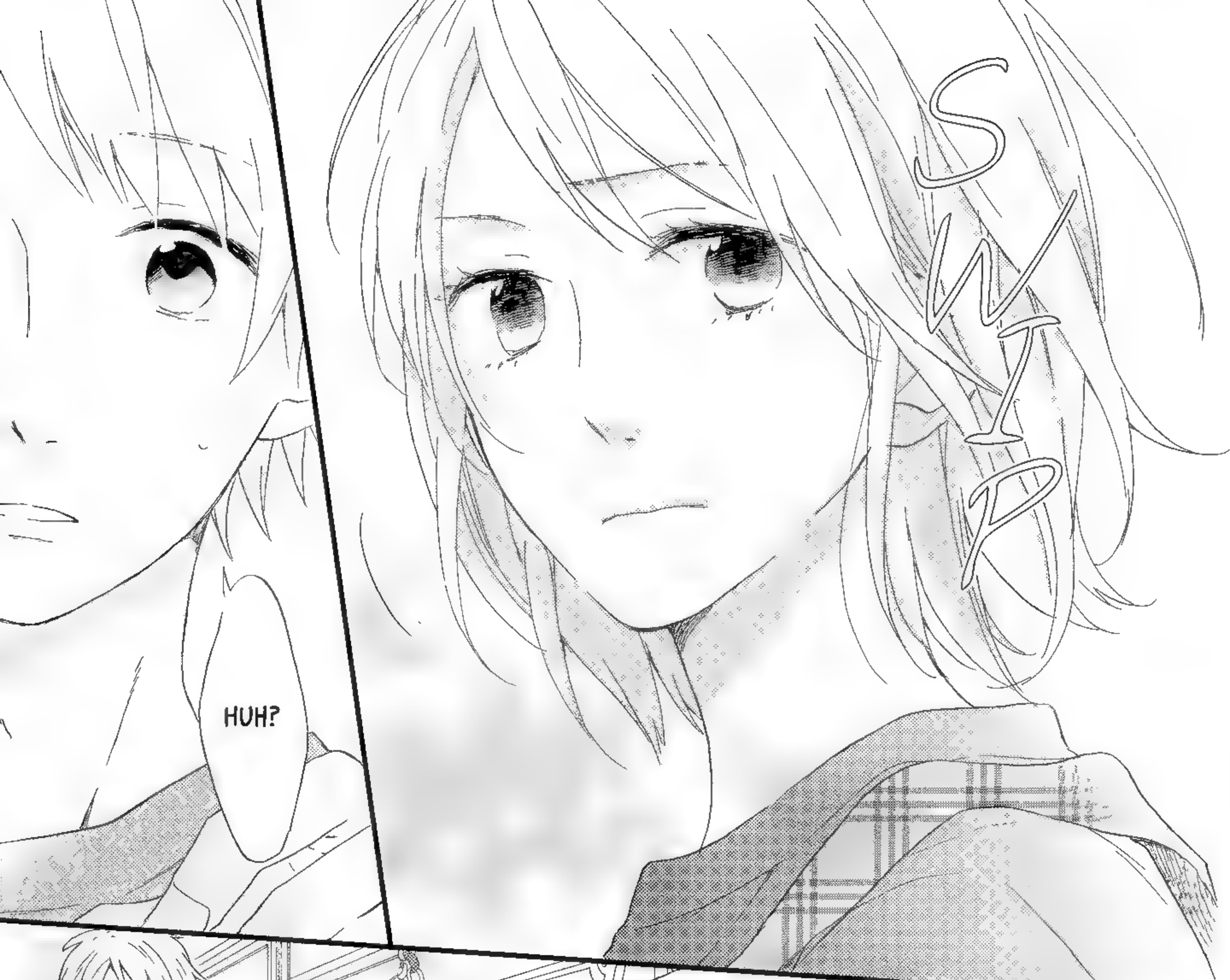
AREN'T
THEY
ABOUT TO
DO ROLL
CALL?

Hey,
where's
Mattsun?

**I'LL BE
RIGHT
BACK!**

Went to
2-6! Some
girl, I guess.







SHE'S
ANGRY
WITH
ME,
ISN'T
SHE?



MRMR

MRMR



APPARENTLY
NOT...

GLOOM

You had
plans,
right?

AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
GO SEE
KOBAYAKAWA?

...
You don't
know?

MRMR

MRMR

IT'S
ALREADY
LUNCHTIME,
NATCHAN.





**YOU HEARD
ME! GIVE
HER BACK!!!**

HUH?



HUH?

**I KNOW
YOU
LURED HER
OFF SOME-
WHERE!**

**I SAW
YOU TWO
TALKING THIS
MORNING!**

HUH?



TSUTSUI...

**GIVE
ANNA
BACK!**



**WAIT! DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO
HER?!**

Bye!!

**HMPH!
FINE
THEN!**



I don't
think I
follow

KOBAYAKAWA
ISN'T HERE?

**YOU'D
BETTER NOT
BE LYING!**

I'M
NOT!

SHE SAID
WE COULD
TOUR THE
FESTIVAL
TOGETHER!!!

**S
K
R
E
E
E**

Anna,
where
are
you?!

WHAT?

I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER
SINCE ROLL
CALL!

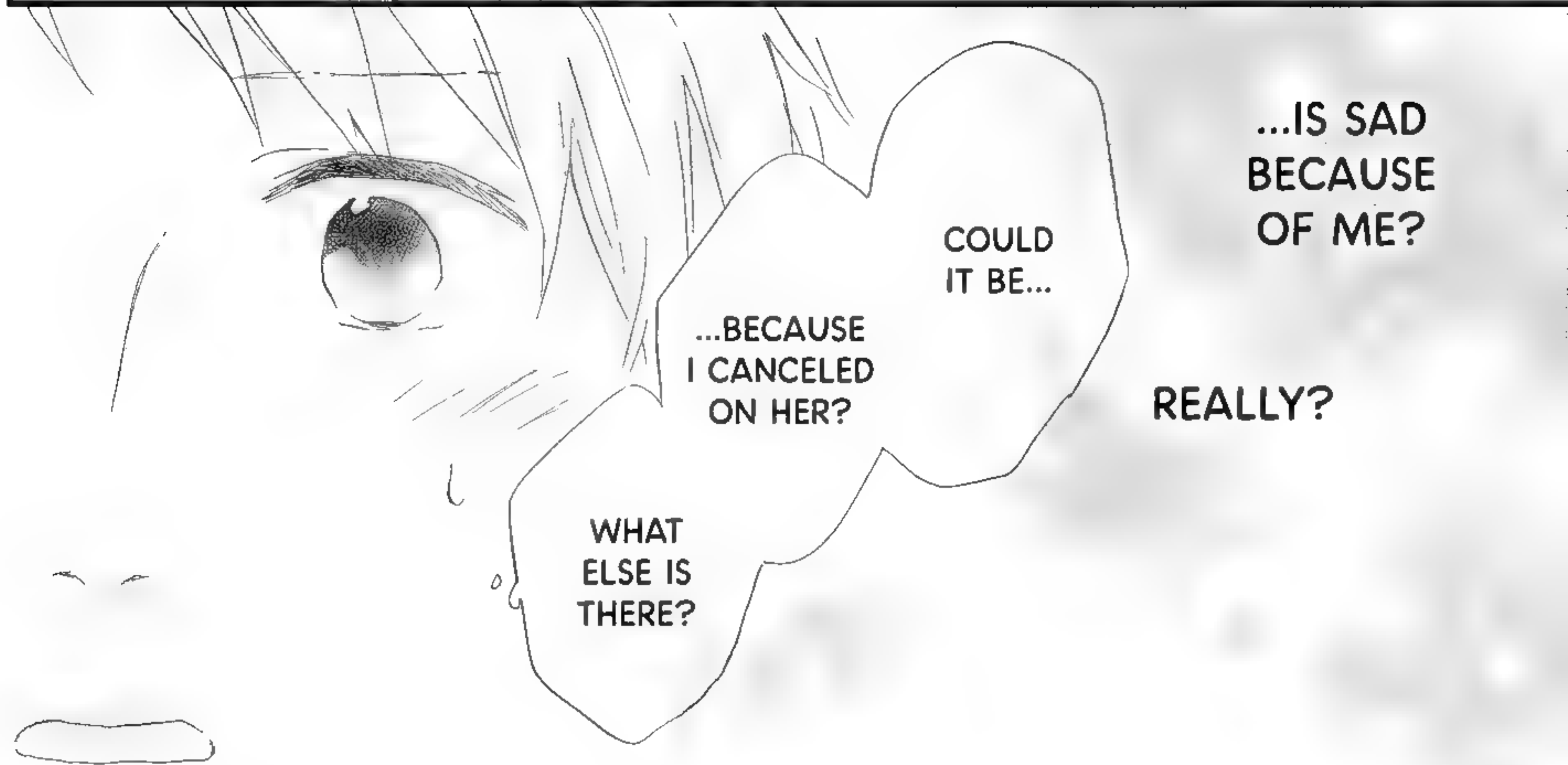
SHE WON'T
ANSWER HER
PHONE, AND
SHE'S NOT
THE TYPE TO
FLAKE OUT!

YOU LOOK
FOR HER TOO,
TINY MONKEY!

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
MADE HER
SAD!

**V
E
E
N**







TSUYOPON!

...HOW
FANTASTIC
IS THAT?!

...BUT
SERIOUSLY...

I KNOW
IT'S NOT
NOBLE TO
FEEL THIS
WAY...



**I'LL BE
BACK IN
TIME!**

AFTER
ALL...

**I'M GOING
TO GO FIND
ANNA!**

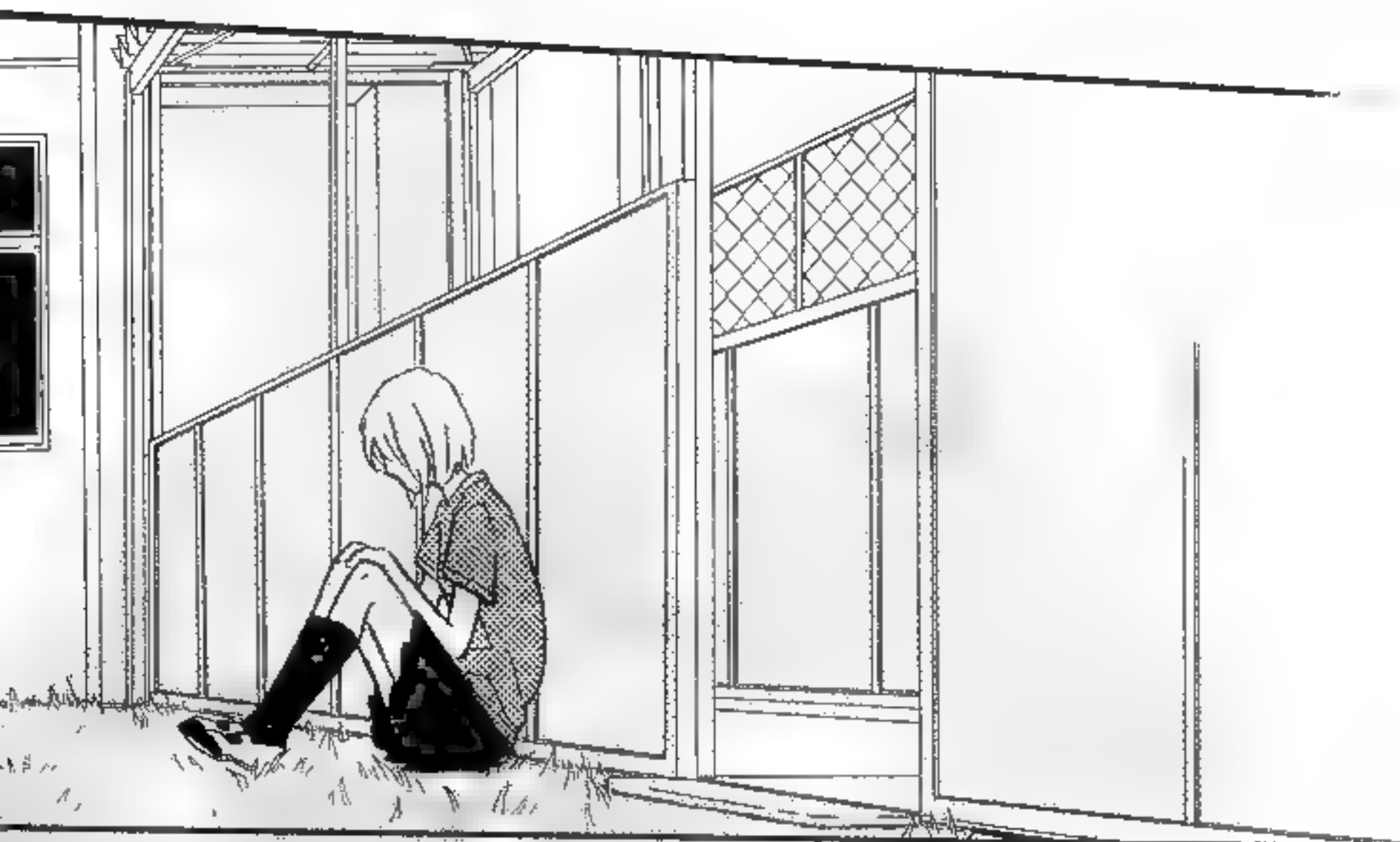


WELL, I
GUESS THIS
ONE IS A
LITTLE MY
FAULT.

IT'S
ALWAYS
SOME-
THING,
HUH?

...SHE WAS
LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SPENDING
TIME WITH
ME!

...IT
SHOWS
HOW
MUCH...



Let's
see



WHERE CAN
KEI-CHAN
BE...?









I got lucky hearing this!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

YEP. I'M NOT TELLING.



I KNOW I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE, BUT...

...THAT FEELING KEEPS NAGGING AT ME.

OHHH... DOES SHE MEAN...?

Really?



HE WAS?

HE WAS!

AND HE REALLY, REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO DO THE CROSS-DRESSING CONTEST!

They practically forced him!



UH, SORRY ABOUT THAT! SERIOUSLY...

Uh-oh!

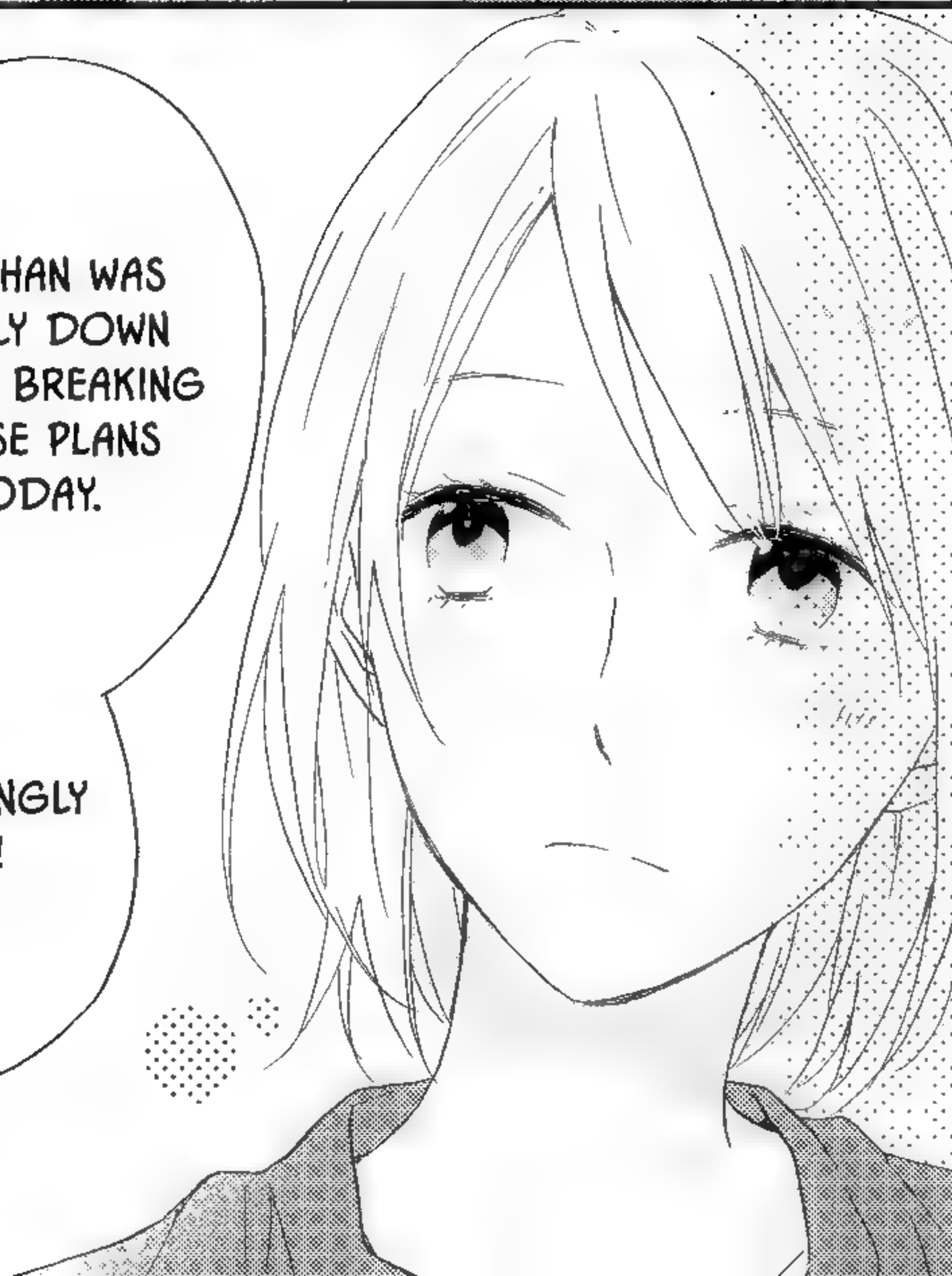
SHOCK

After made the effort to ask

NATCHAN WAS REALLY DOWN ABOUT BREAKING THOSE PLANS TODAY.

HA HA HA

ANNOYINGLY SO!





OH... THEN
HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
PRACTICING.



CROSS-
DRESSING
CONTEST?



UH-OH.
NATCHAN
DIDN'T
TELL HER?

UH...
YEAH?



WELL...

IF IT'S
NATCHAN
YOU'RE
AFTER...

I WANT TO
APOLOGIZE TO
HASHIBA. DO
YOU KNOW WHEN
THE CONTEST
ENDS?

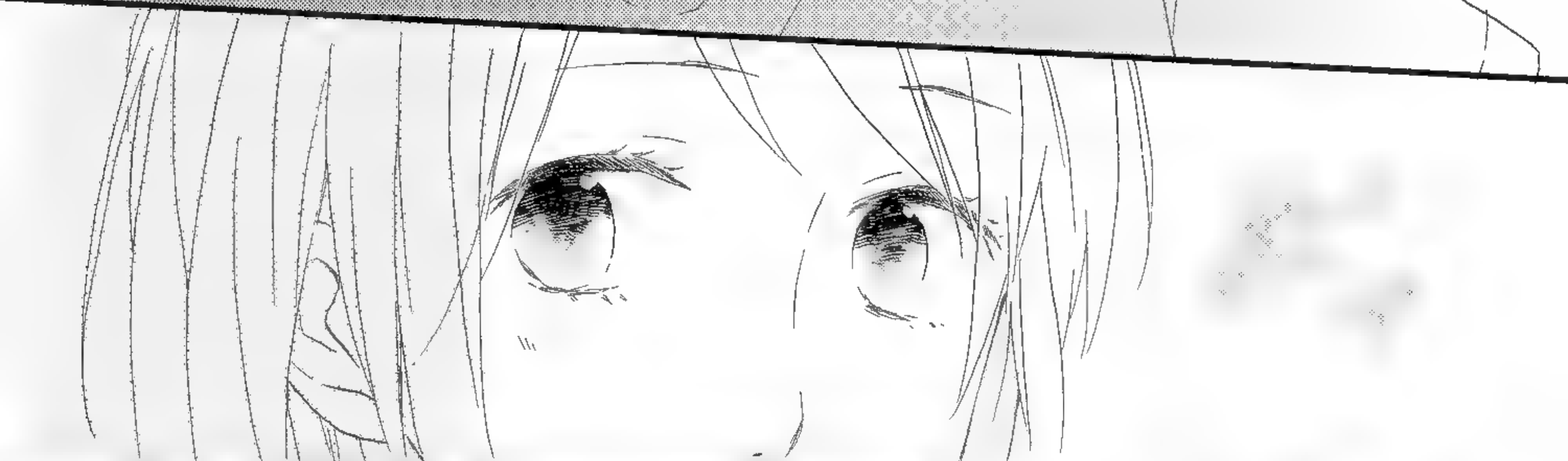
I...

THERE
YOU
ARE!

TMP
TMP



KOBAYAKAWA!



EXCUSE ME?!

Put that away!

It'll make you feel better!

WANT TO BORROW THE WHIP?

HUH?
It will?

SWIP,

SEE? HERE HE IS.

HASHIBA.

HEEZE
HEEZE

I ran too hard!



Guess I'm unwanted now?





THAT
WAS...A
MISUNDER-
STANDING.

Dh.

I
SEE.

BUT...

I'M JUST
GLAD
NOTHING
HAPPENED
TO YOU.

IT'S
OKAY!
REALLY!

BOW

I'M SORRY!
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
MEAN TO YOU.

...

ALSO,
TSUTSUI SAID
THAT...I MADE
YOU SAD,
SO...

Wait, why am I
smiling now?

...WHEN
YOU
CALLED
OFF OUR
PLANS...

...I WAS
BUMMED
OUT...

THAT
MUCH IS
TRUE, I
GUESS.





"NEXT
YEAR."

SURE!



Yay!

HIS WORDS
MADE ME
FEEL A LOT
BETTER.

I STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THIS
MYSTERIOUS
FEELING IS...

Oh,
man.

I HAVE
TO GO!

ME
TOO.

Back
to the
cafe.



THANKS!
I'LL
NEED IT.



GOOD
LUCK AT
THE CROSS-
DRESSING
CONTEST.



Whaaaaat?!

Damn
you,
Kei-chan!

KATAKURA
TOLD
ME...

You
mentioned
it before
too.

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?!



Can
I get
changed
yet?

THANKS!
♡♡

Yaaa Y!♡

CONGRATULA-
TIONS! FIRST
AND SECOND
PLACE!

AND...

2-3



FOR OUR
HEROES...

...THE
LIVELY
SUMMER...

...HAD
ONLY
JUST
BEGUN.

N-
NOOOOO! DASH

HE'S
MAKING
A RUN
FOR IT!

DOMP

KEIICHI!
AFTER
HIM!

DOMP

ROGER!

DOMP

UH-OH,
NATCHAN
TRIPPED
OVER.

B
A
M
M
M

DWWW!

GYA
HA
HA
HA
HA

KA-
SHAK

As punishment
for skipping
setup, you
have to have
an afterparty
with me!

Anna!

B-BMP

GA-
TAW

B-BMP

I HOPE
THEY SEND
THAT
PHOTO
SOON.

Rainbow Days





Rainbow Girls





WANT TO
STOP BY?
YOU DON'T
HAVE WORK
TODAY,
RIGHT?

MARI
TSUTSUI



I SAW THIS
CAKE SHOP
ON TV. THEY
SAID IT
WAS REALLY
GOOD.

ANNA
KOBAYAKAWA

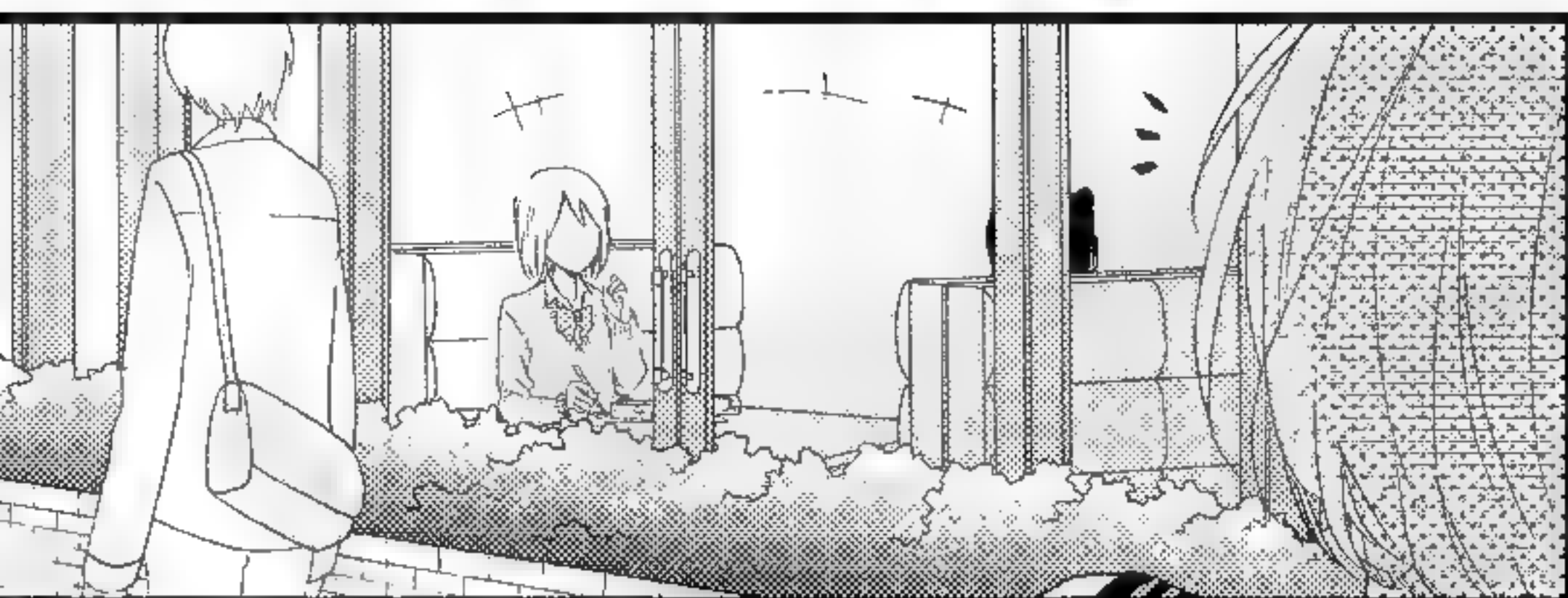


TWO
BEST
FRIENDS.



Welcome!







I'M
DOING
GREAT!

PRETTY
GOOD.
HOW
ABOUT
YOU?

WHAT A
COINCIDENCE,
RIGHT?! ALSO,
IT'S BEEN
AGES! HOW
HAVE YOU
BEEN?!

I LOOKED IN
THE WINDOW
WHILE
PASSING BY,
AND WHO
SHOULD I SEE
BUT MADAME
KOBAYA-
KAWA!



SORRY FOR
IMPOSING!
♡

WHY
IS SHE
SITTING
WITH
US?!



ANNA....?

WHO IS THIS
WOMAN? WHY
ARE YOU SO
FRIENDLY
WITH HER?

I'VE NEVER
SEEN HER
BEFORE.





MARIPPE!
GOT IT!
♡♡

THIS IS
NAOE'S
GIRLFRIEND,
YUKIRIN.

YUKIRIN,
THIS IS MY
FRIEND,
MARI.



I THOUGHT
OF INVITING
YOU, BUT
SOME BOYS
WERE
COMING...

WHY
DIDN'T
I HEAR
ABOUT
THAT?!

YEAH.
IT WAS
FUN.

MADAME
KOBAYAKAWA
AND I MET
AT A STUDY
SESSION.

GR
BOYS?!

AB

A
STUDY
SES-
SION?!



MARIPPE,
YOU'RE
SO
FULL OF
BEANS.

HA
HA
HA

WHAT?!

How dare
he?!

YOU MEAN
HASHIBA?
HE WAS
THERE.

NOT THAT
TINY MONKEY!
PLEASE,
NOT HIM!

GASP



SHAA

IT'S HER NICK-NAME!

AND WHAT'S THIS "MADAME KOBAYAKAWA" BUSINESS?!

ANNA ALREADY HAS A NAME! AND IT'S ADORABLE!

MARI, CALM DOWN....

AAA!



YOU CAN CALL ME YUKIRIN!

STOP CALLING ME "MARIPPE," YOU-



REALLY?! OH, GOOD!

I LIKE IT. I'VE NEVER HAD A NICKNAME BEFORE.

BUT WHY "MADAME"?! THAT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!



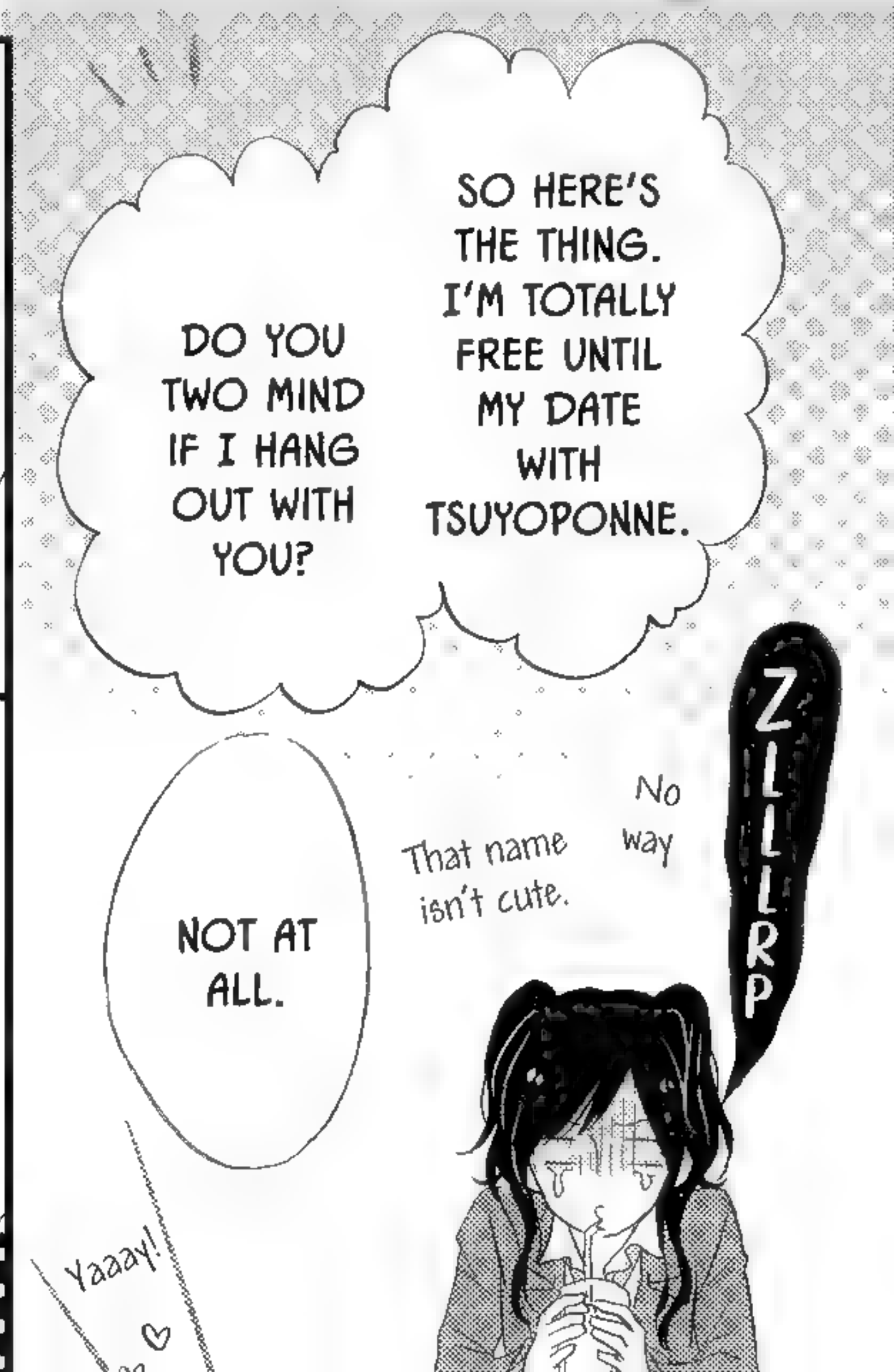
GLARE

I MIND. YOU'RE CRAMPING MY STYLE.



SORRY! I'LL BE GONE SOON, I PROMISE.

TEE HEE



DO YOU TWO MIND IF I HANG OUT WITH YOU?

SO HERE'S THE THING. I'M TOTALLY FREE UNTIL MY DATE WITH TSUYOPONNE.

NOT AT ALL.

That name isn't cute.

No way

ZLLLRP

Yaaay!



...BY PLAYING
GOÛT-TEMPS?



SO! SINCE
WE'RE ALL HERE,
HOW ABOUT
WE BREAK
THE ICE...

THEN
JUST
GO
RIGHT
NOW!

*Goût-Temps: A show in which
female celebrities chat about life.



BUT I
THOUGHT
IT MIGHT
BE NICE
TO GET TO
KNOW EACH
OTHER
MORE!

NOTHING
SPECIAL!
JUST A
FRIENDLY
CHAT!

IT'S EASY!
WE JUST
CHAT ABOUT
WHAT'S BEEN
GOING ON,
OUR LOVE
LIVES...

She
talked
over
me...!

HOW
DO YOU
PLAY IT?



SURE!

CAN
WE ASK
QUES-
TIONS?

ALL RIGHT!
LET'S CHAT,
GIRLS!

WAIT,
THOUGH!

WHAT IF
ANNA TALKS
ABOUT HOW
MUCH SHE
LIKES ME?!

I wish she
would!

In front of
this girl!



RIGHT,
ANNA?

I DON'T
WANT
TO TALK
ABOUT
PRIVATE
STUFF.



THE
LOVE-LIFE
TOPIC GOT
HER ON
BOARD?!

It's my
first
time.

OUR LOVE
LIVES...? THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
FUN.

I want to play.



WE MET IN HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT, ANNA? AND NOW WE'RE SUPER-CLOSE AND ALWAYS TOGETHER!

I JUST NEED TO SET IT UP FOR HER!

YES.



YAAAY!



OKAY, I HAVE A QUESTION! YOU TWO SEEM REALLY CLOSE, SO HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FRIENDS? SINCE YOU WERE KIDS?

I love the childhood-friends thing!



ALL RIGHT, FINE...



HERE WE GO!

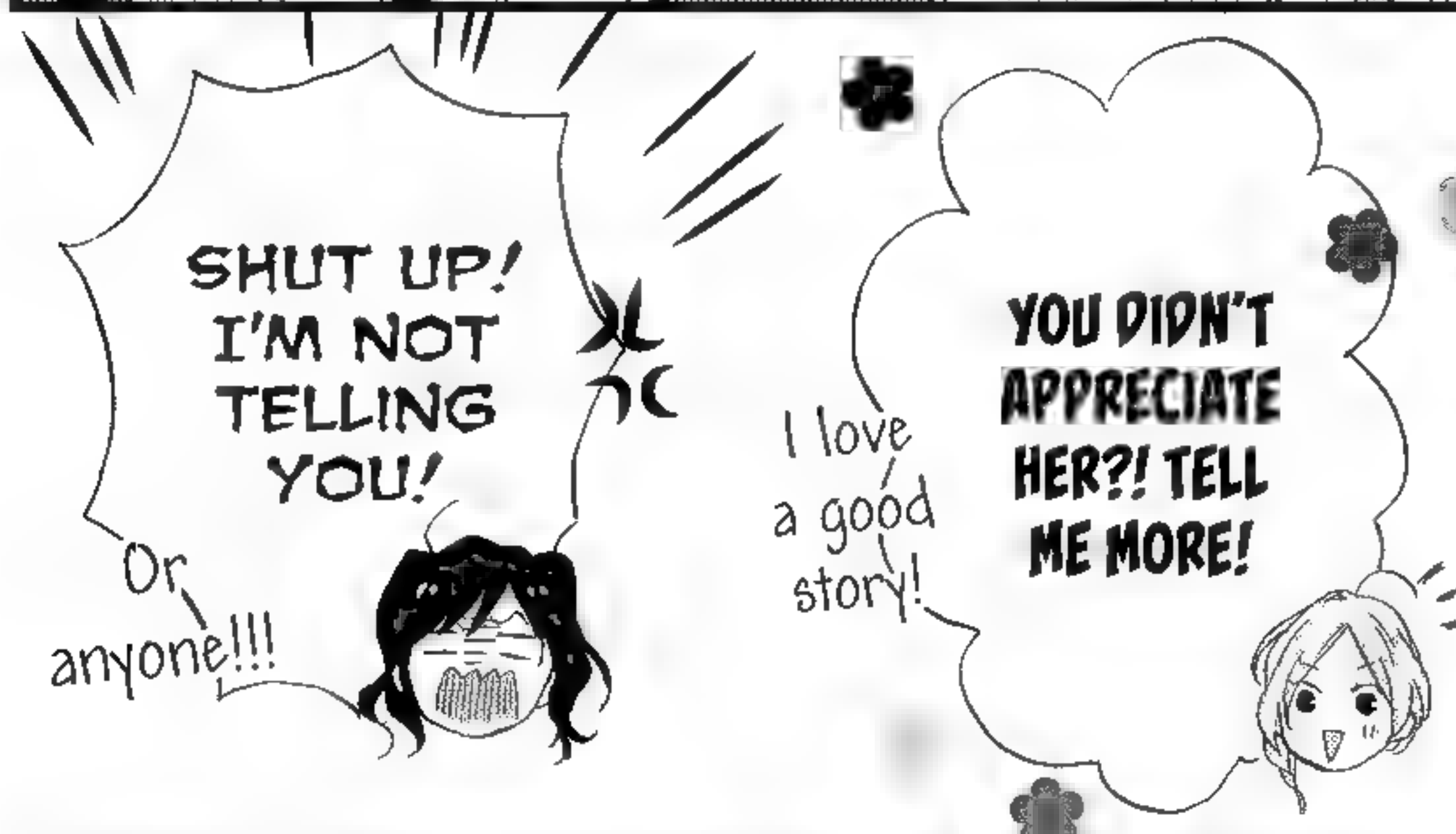


We're bringing that up?!



HUH. WHY WAS THAT AGAIN?

ALTHOUGH... I THINK WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOU DIDN'T TALK TO ME MUCH?



SHUT UP! I'M NOT TELLING YOU!

Or anyone!!!

I love a good story!

YOU DIDN'T APPRECIATE HER?! TELL ME MORE!



AWW! MEANIE.



STOP! THAT'S ENOUGH!

I DIDN'T APPRECIATE YOU PROPERLY THEN!

OHO?

O-O-KAY...

ANNA
KOBAYA-
KAWA
AND MARI
TSUTSUI.

THEIR
FIRST
MEET-
ING...

What is
that?!

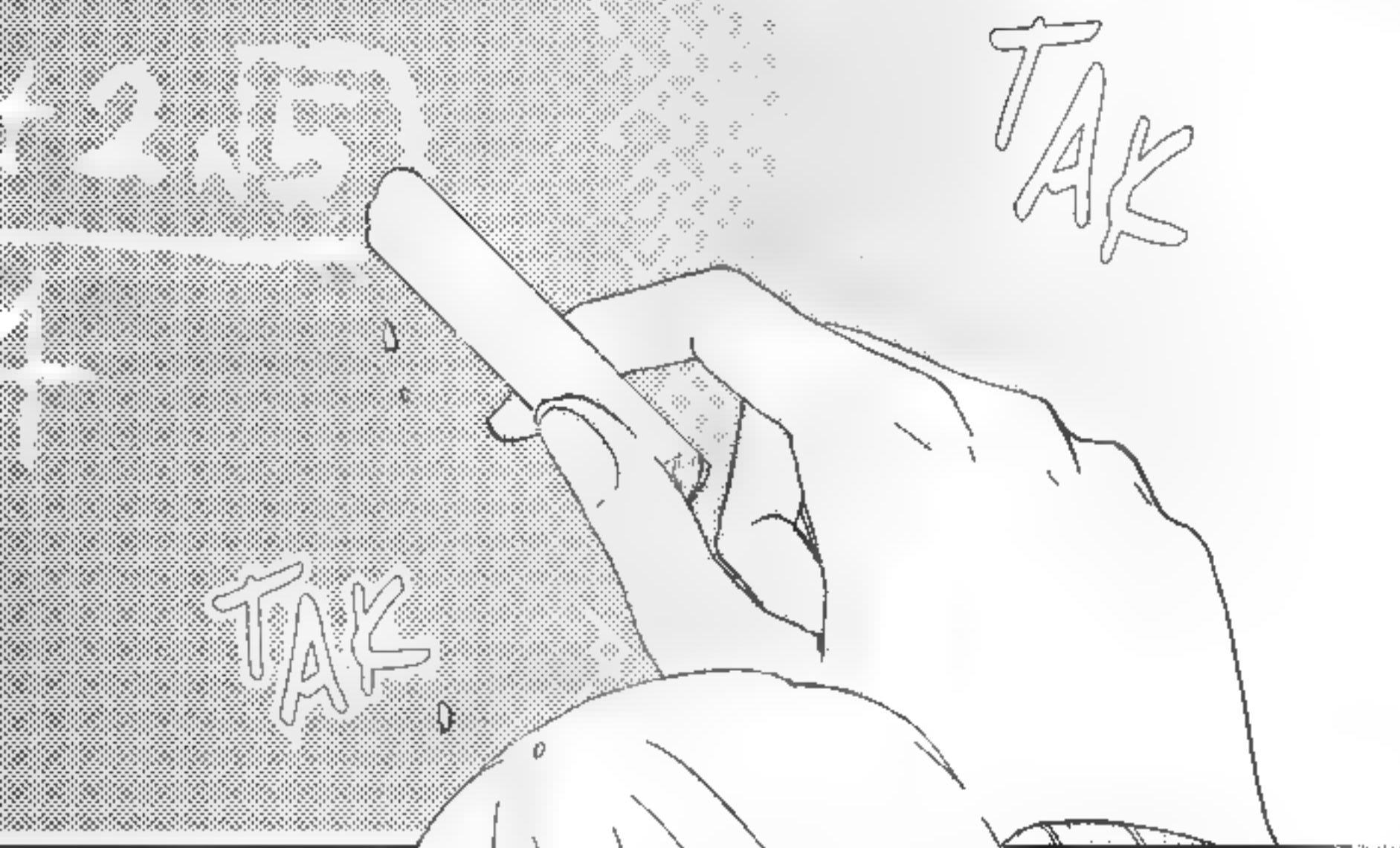
TELL ME
IF I'M
CLOSE!

I'M GOING
TO IMAGINE
HOW YOU
TWO MET
BASED ON
WHAT YOU
SAID JUST
NOW!

Anna, can't you
tell her a better
story about us?

A
better
story?

I
KNOW!



...WAS ON
A FATEFUL
SPRING DAY
LAST YEAR...

MRMR

I COULD
NEVER
SOLVE THAT
PROBLEM!

MRMR

MRMR

SHE
DID?!

CORRECT.

I CAN SEE
WHY YOU GOT
THE HIGHEST
MARK ON THE
ENTRANCE
EXAM.

O O O O O H



TOTALLY!

IS SHE GREAT, OR WHAT?!

BRAINS AND BEAUTY!



Hmph!



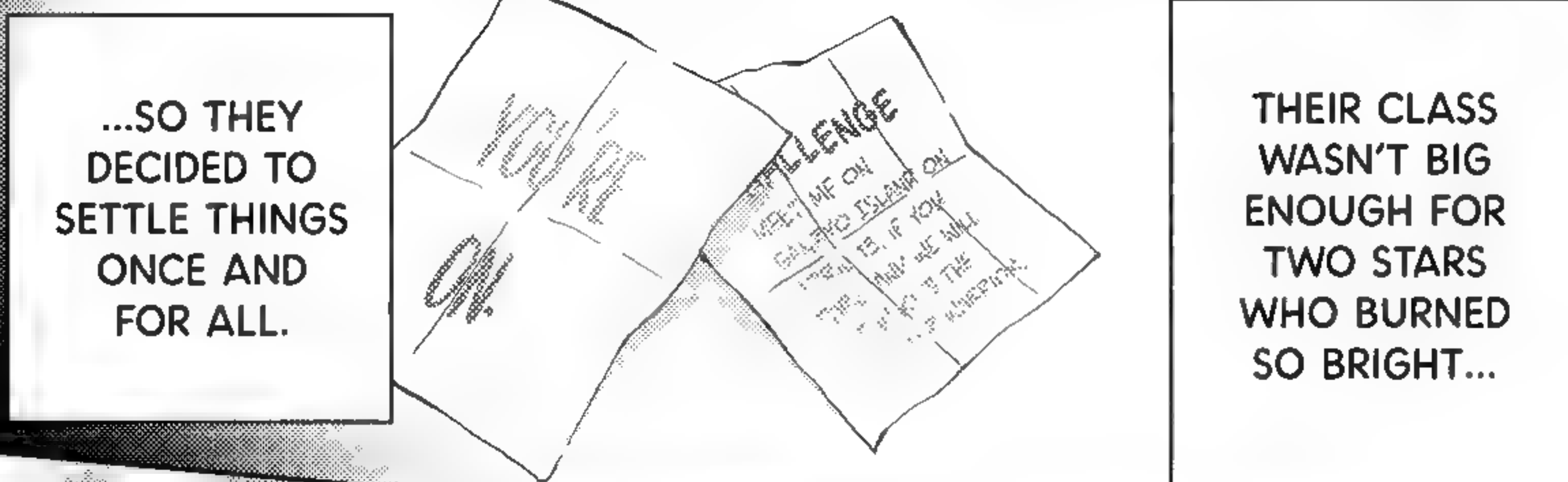
TEN POINTS, TSUTSUI!

NO. 20! THAT WAS AMAZING!

NO WAY!

SHE DID A FLIP!

WOW!







IT'S TIME
TO DECIDE
WHO
RUNS THIS
SCHOOL...

DON'T
EXPECT
ANY
MERCY
FROM ME!

...ONCE
AND FOR
ALL!

THIS
DUEL
IS FOR
REAL!



OH YEAH, I
FORGOT TO
MENTION THAT
THEY BOTH
SECRETLY LED
SCHOOLYARD
GANGS.

SHIK





INSTEAD,
LET'S JOIN
FORCES...

...AND MAKE
THIS SCHOOL'S
NAME FEARED
ACROSS THE
CITY.

I'M NOT
GOING
TO FINISH
YOU OFF.



OKAY!

...FOR
GENERATIONS
TO COME.

...AND THEIR
VERY NAMES
STRUCK
TERROR INTO
THE HEARTS
OF OTHER
GANG
LEADERS...

AND SO,
THE TWO
JOINED
FORCES...





OH, THAT?!
I'D TELL
YOU THAT
ANYTIME!

I love
to brag
about
Tsuyo-
ponne!

REALLY?
CAN
I ASK
NOW?

WHO'S
THIS
"NAOE"
AGAIN?
I don't
know him.



REALLY?
WHAT?!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
I NEVER
GOT TO ASK
EITHER...



WELL, I WAS
WONDERING
HOW YOU AND
NAOE GOT
TOGETHER.



OH.

WELL...

FIRST,
MADAME, I'D
LIKE TO HEAR
YOUR
VERSION!

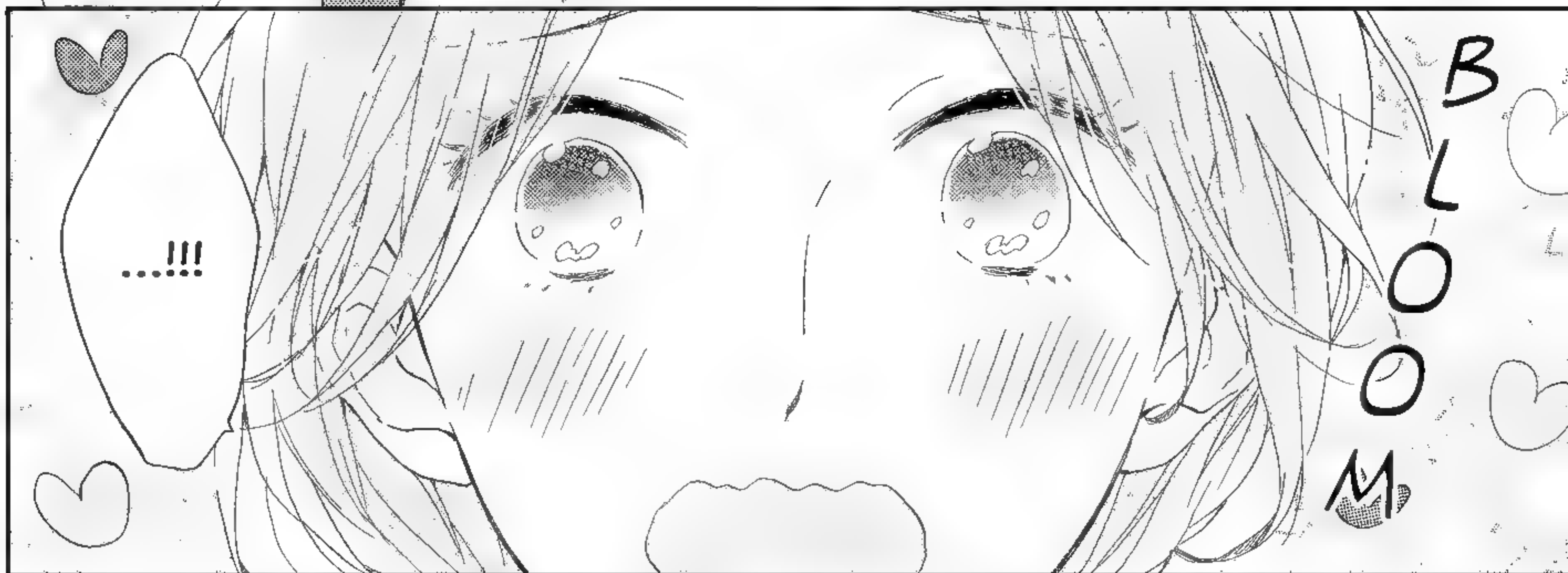
I'm so
curious!











GR **AA**

YOU'RE
JUST
MAKING UP
A BUNCH OF
WEIRD
STORIES!

IN WHAT
UNIVERSE
IS THIS
PLAYING
GOÛT-
TEMPS?!

N-NO!

OKAY, BUT
DON'T YOU
EVER THINK, "IT
SURE WOULD
BE GREAT IF..."

I JUST
WANTED
ANNA TO TALK
ABOUT HOW
CLOSE WE
ARE!

In front of me!

GASP

YOU WANTED
TO PLAY
GOÛT-TEMPS
FOR REAL?
MARIPPE,
THAT'S SO
SWEET!

ISN'T
THAT THE
POINT?

What should we
be doing?

?

I'M
HOME!

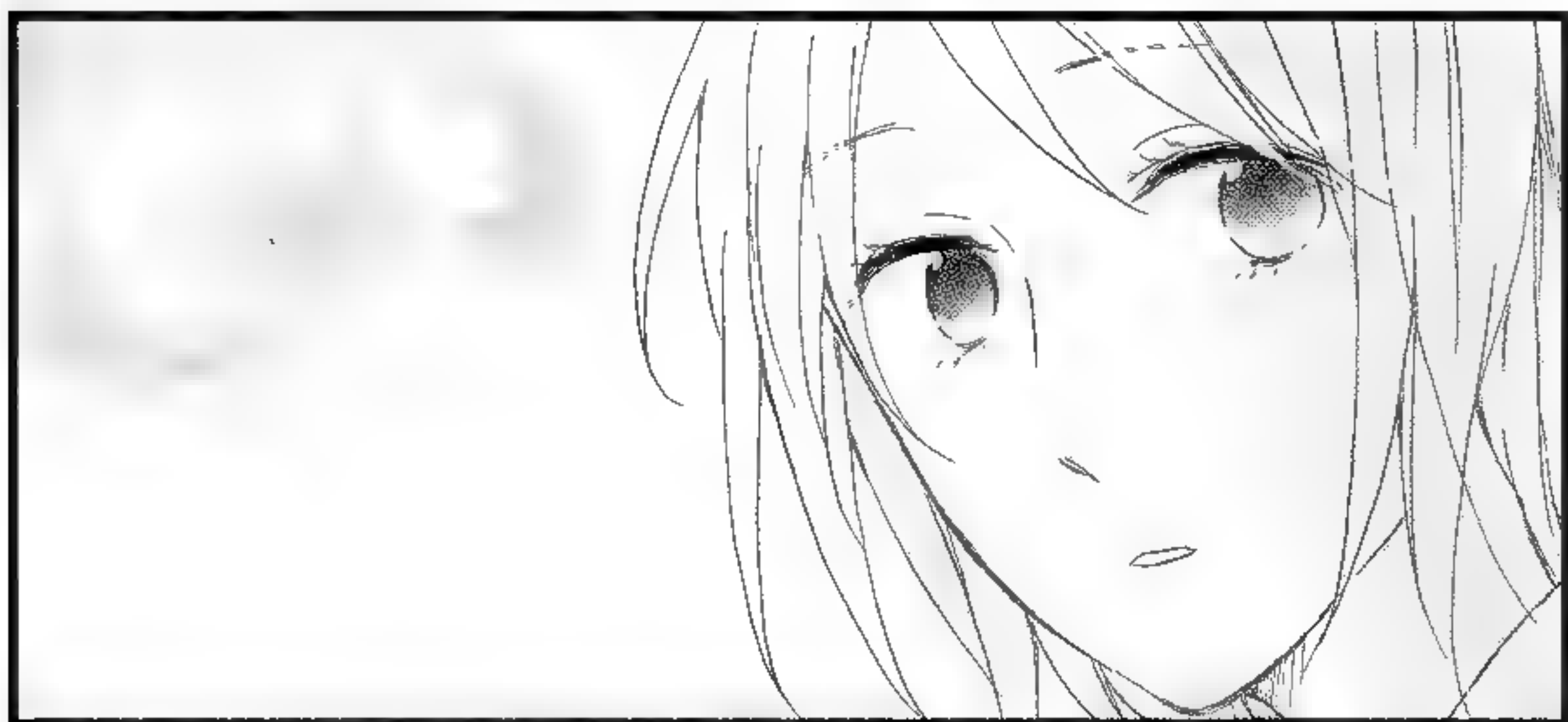
NORMAL
PEOPLE
DON'T-

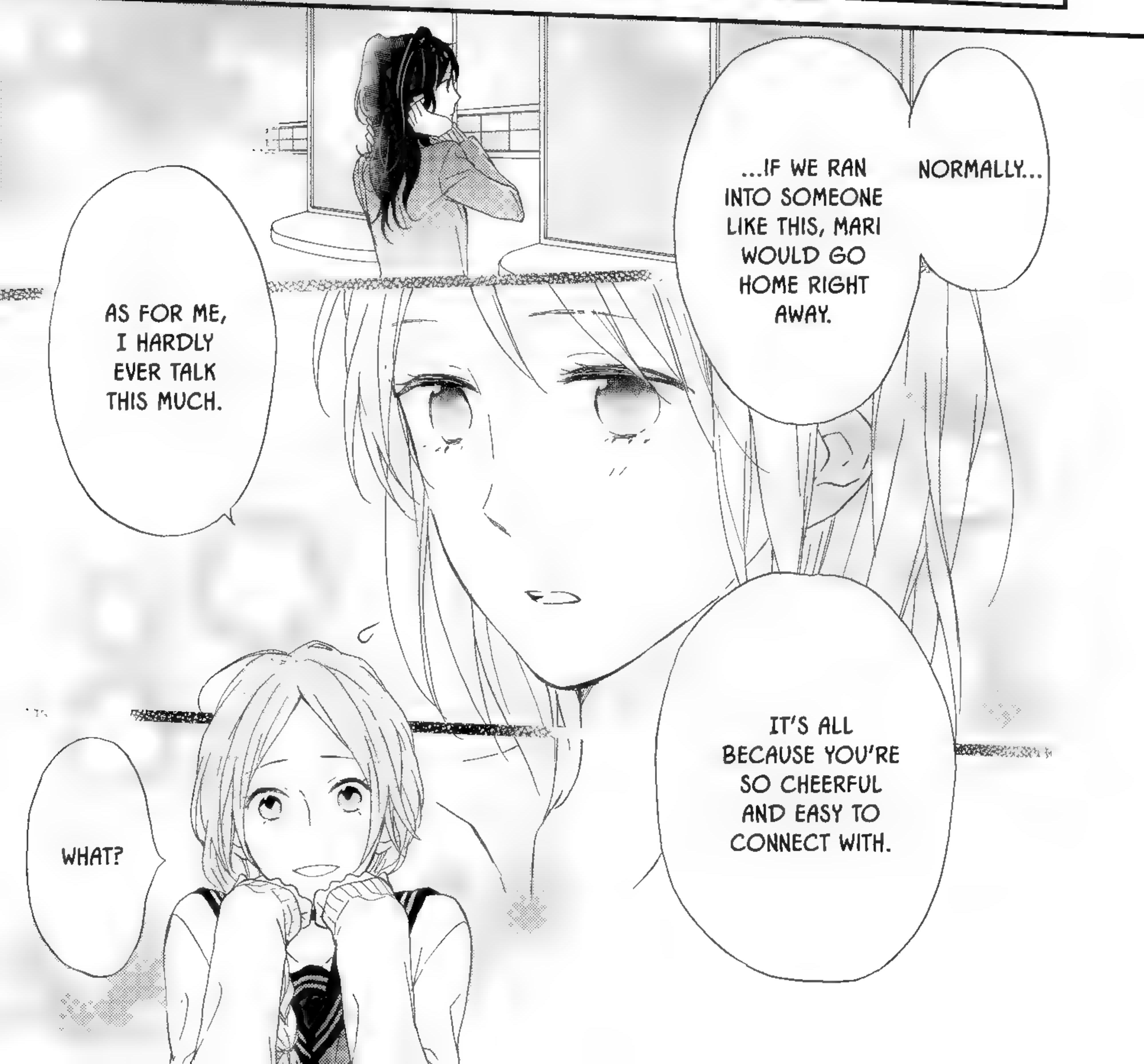
**WHAT
?!**

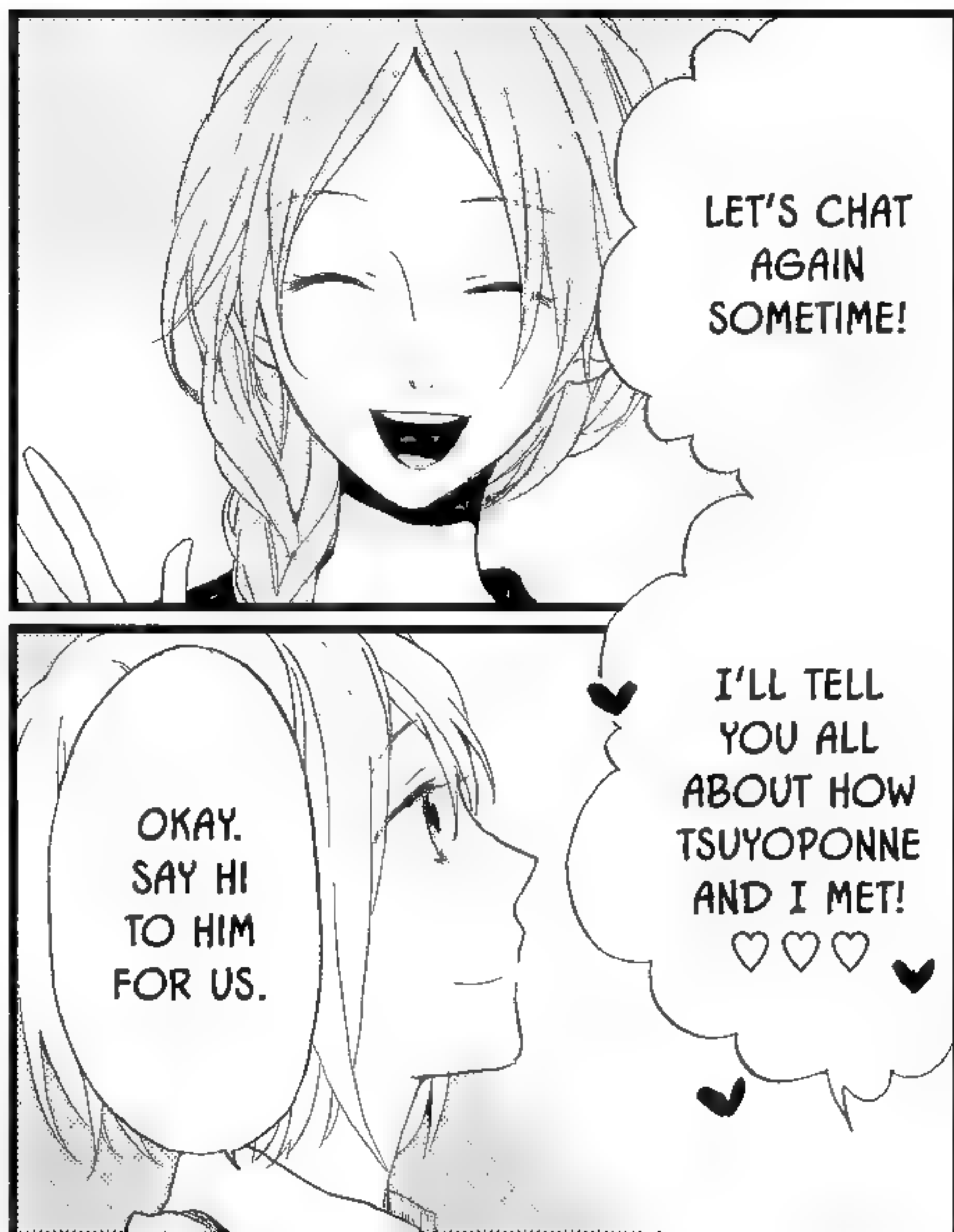
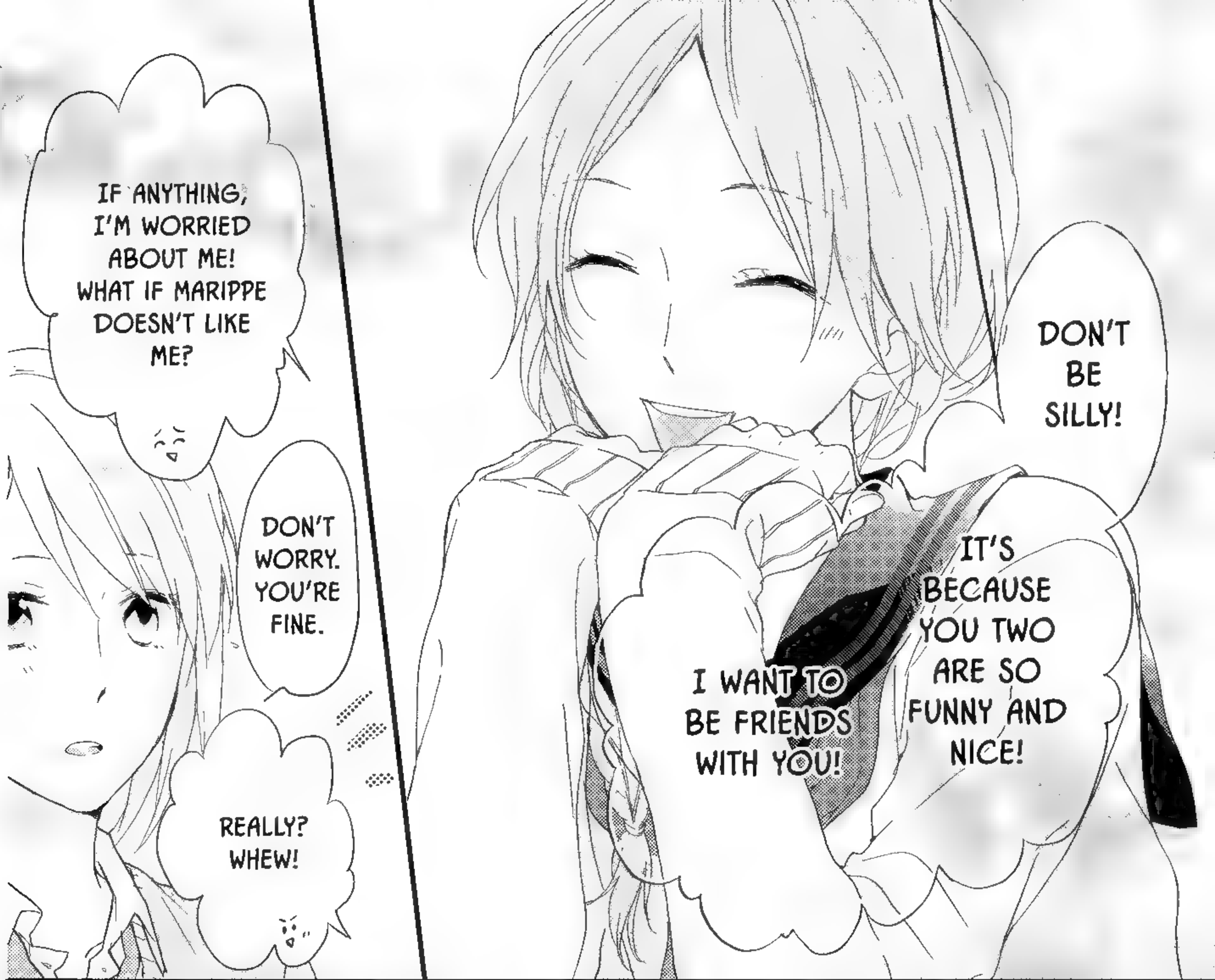
WHO SPENDS
THEIR TIME
THINKING UP
RIDICULOUS
STUFF LIKE
THAT?!

SLAM

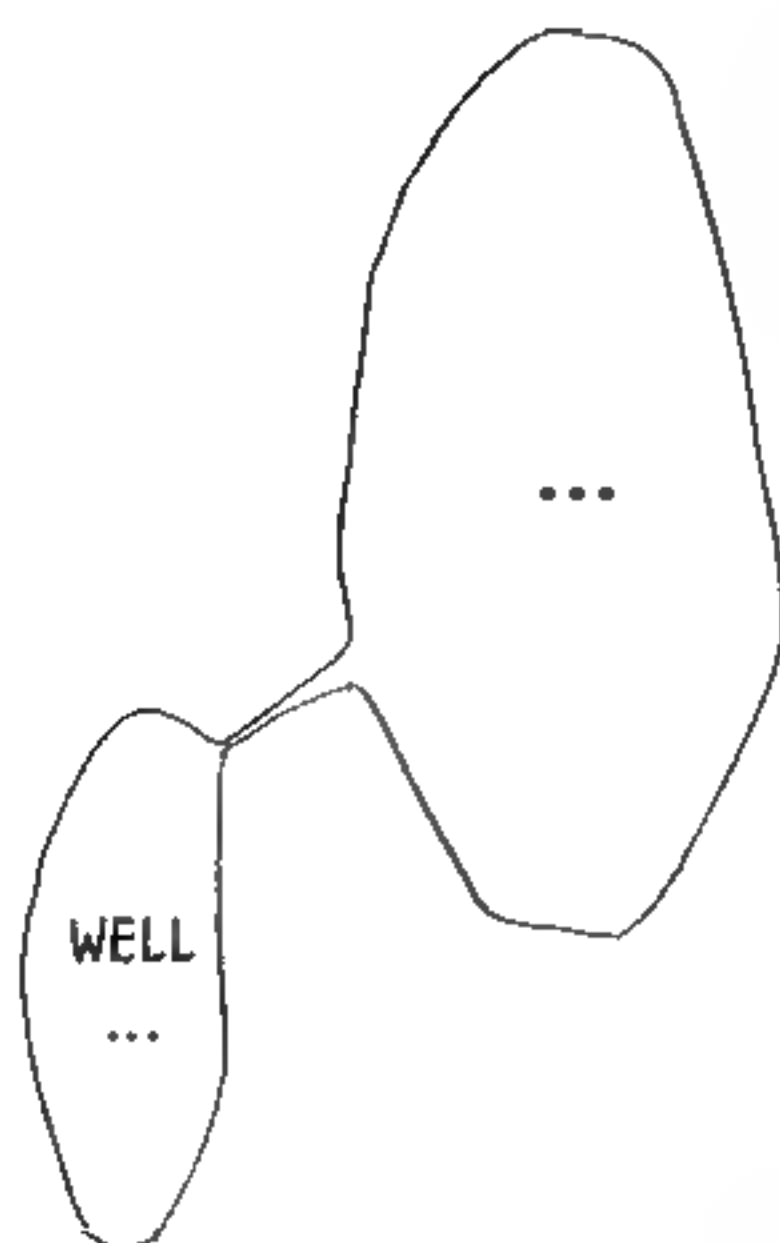












TWO BEST
FRIENDS...

MAYBE
JUST...A
TEENY BIT.

...BUT
PERHAPS...

...THEY'LL
BECOME
THREE BEST
FRIENDS.

...NOT TOO
FAR IN THE
FUTURE...

TO BE CONTINUED

Rainbow Days



NATSUKI HASHIBA

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 119 lb

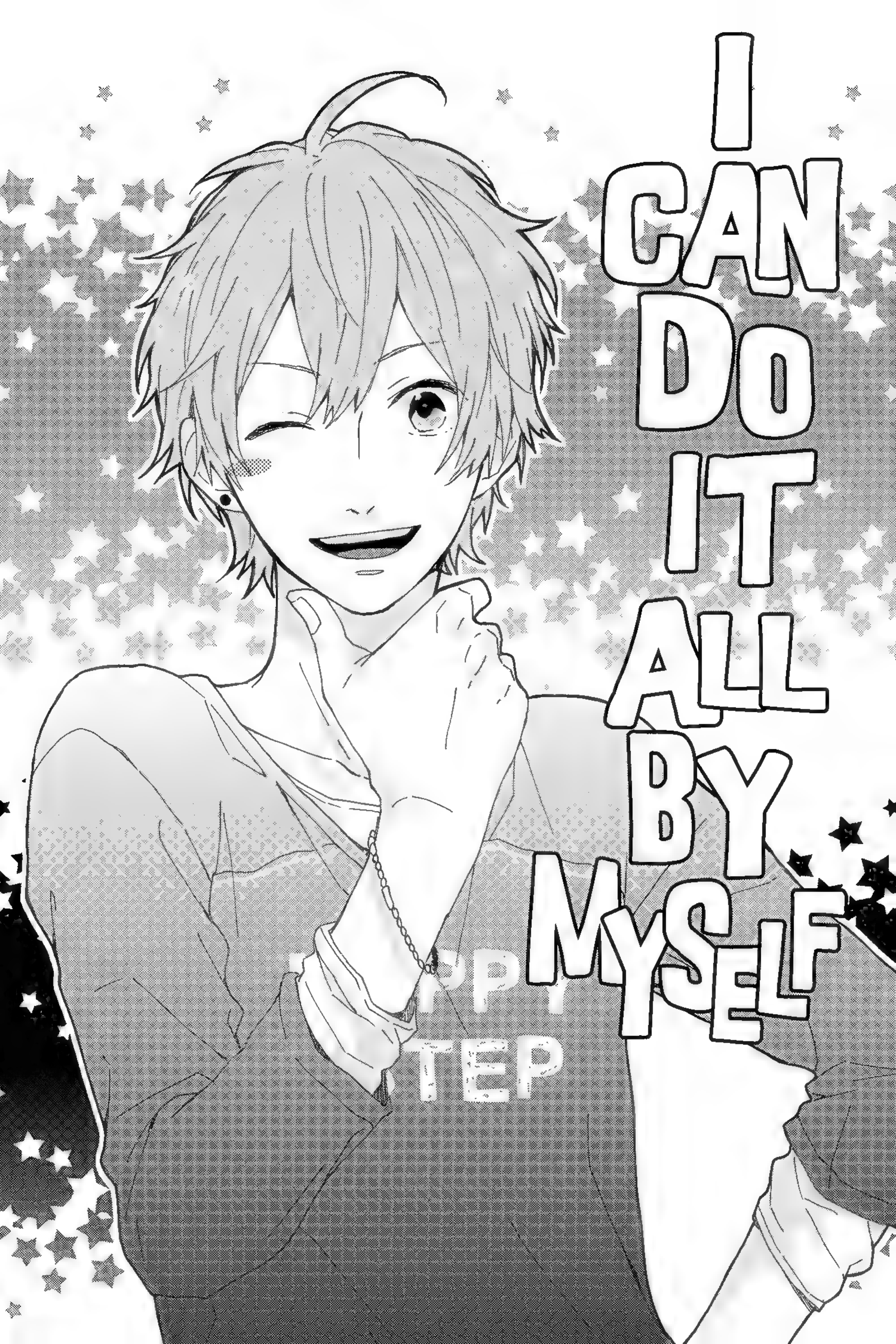
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Blood Type: A

Family: Mother, two older sisters

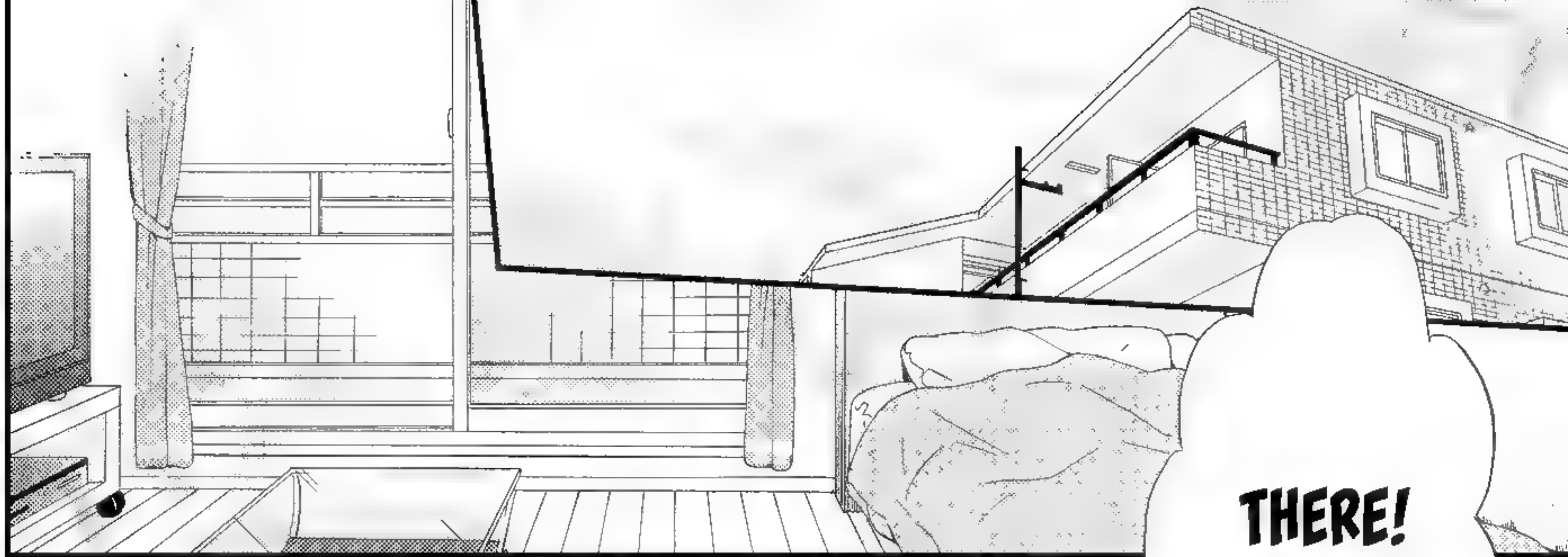
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I
CAN
DO
IT
ALL
BY
MYSELF

HAPPY
STEP



THERE!

**I'VE
OFFICIALLY
MOVED IN!**

**JUNPEI
TAZAKI,
AGE 18.**

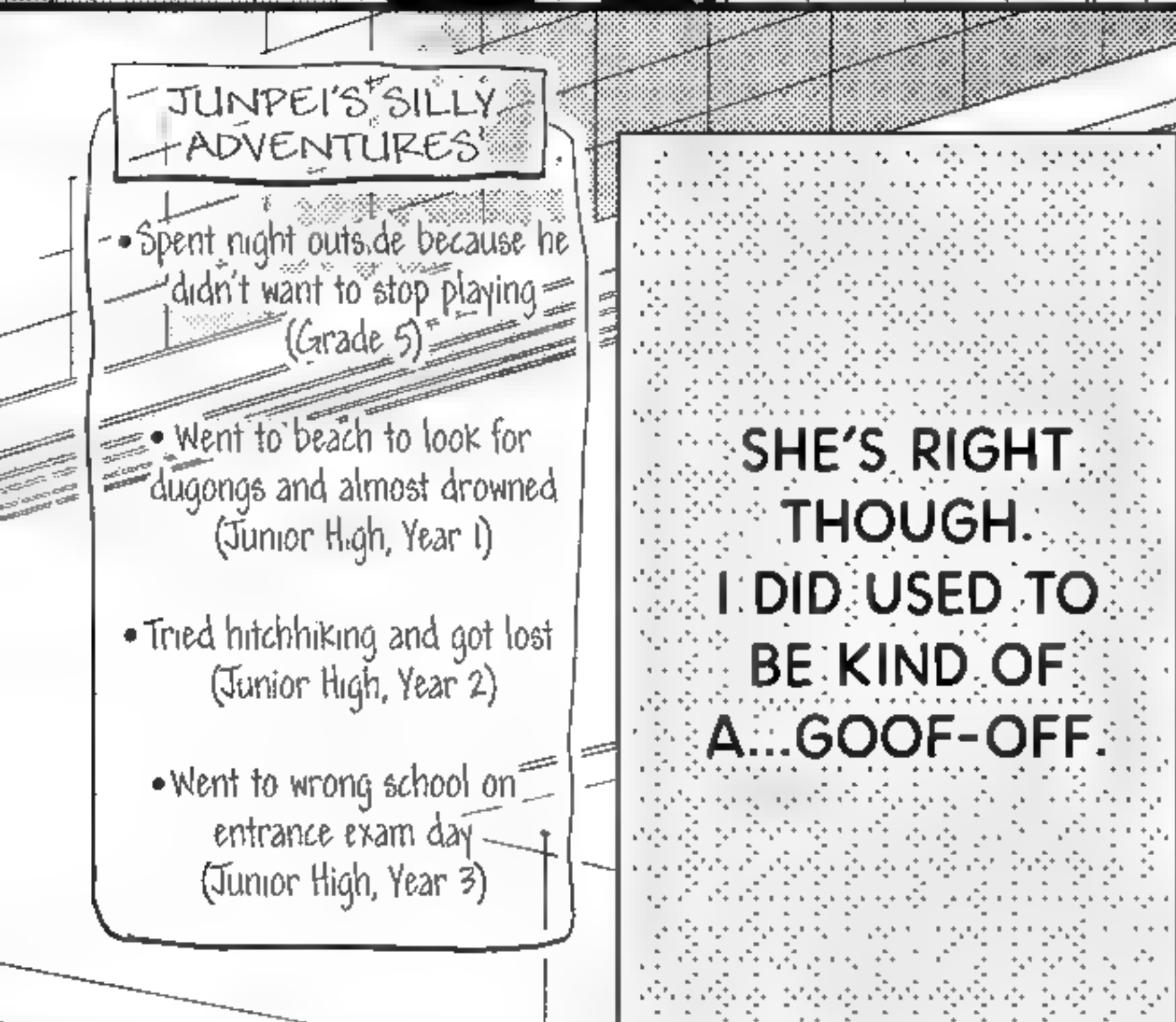
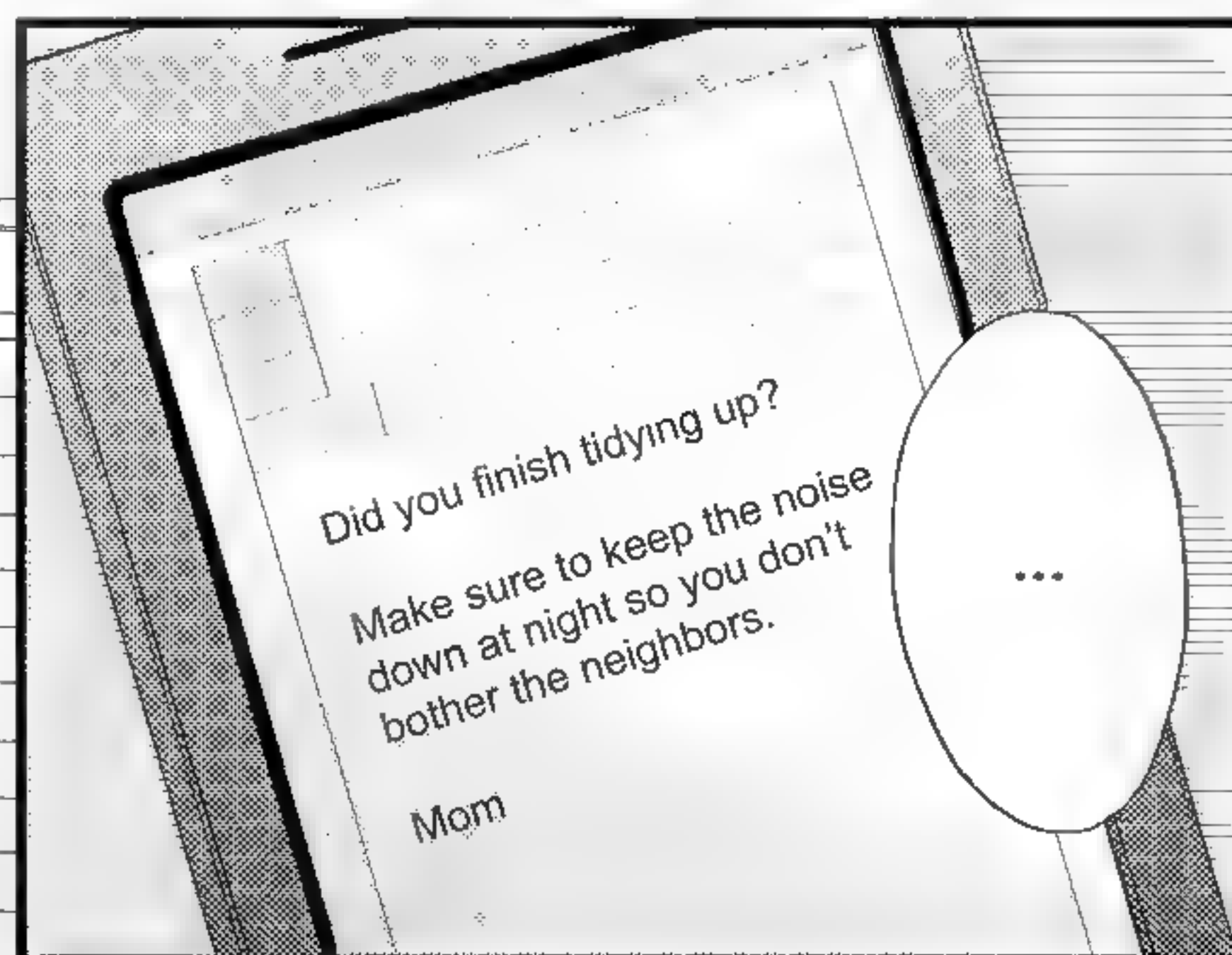


...BUT LOOK
HOW WELL I
CAN DO IF
I TRY!

I WAS NEVER
GOOD AT
TIDYING
UP BACK
HOME...

...AND AS OF
TODAY, I'M
LIVING IN MY
OWN PLACE!

I MOVED
OUT FOR
COLLEGE...



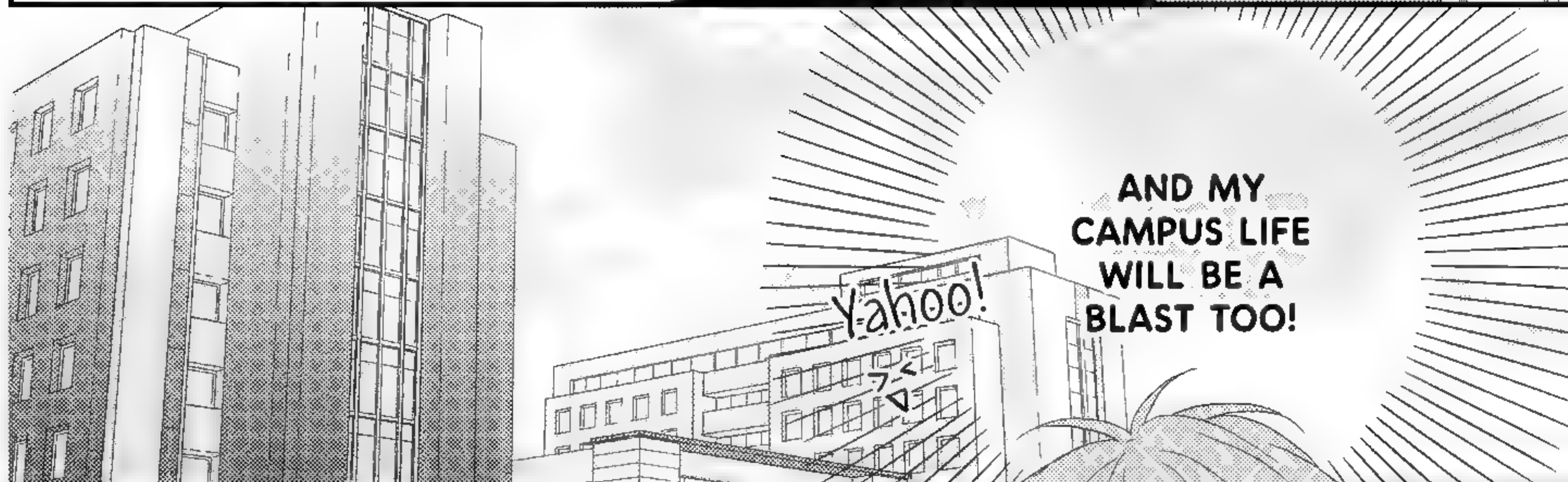


JUST YOU
WAIT,
BELOVED
FAMILY!

BUT THINGS
ARE GOING
TO BE
DIFFERENT
FROM
NOW ON!

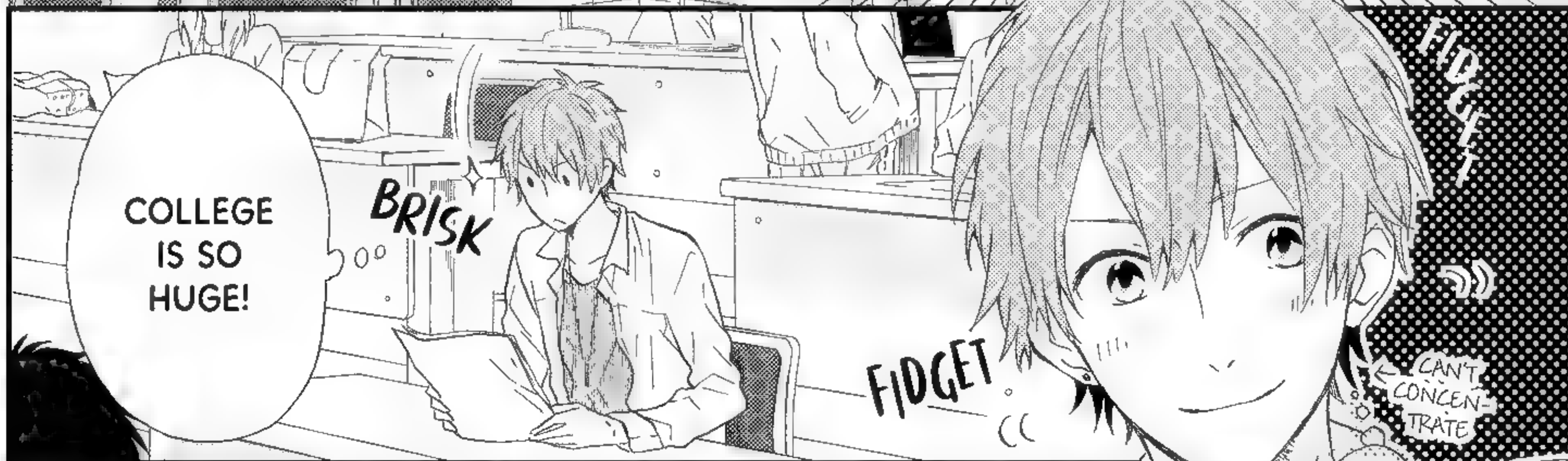
I'LL PROVE
I CAN LIVE
ON MY OWN
JUST FINE!

I mean, I'm
almost 19!



AND MY
CAMPUS LIFE
WILL BE A
BLAST TOO!

Yahoo!



COLLEGE
IS SO
HUGE!

BRISK

FIDGET

FIDGET

CAN'T
CONCENTRATE



HEY!

I HEARD
SOMEWHERE
IT'S GOOD
TO LOAD
UP IN THE
FIRST TWO
YEARS...

WAIT!
I HAVE TO
CHOOSE
MY
COURSES.



NO WAY!
A SERIOUS-
LOOKING GUY
ASKED ME A
QUESTION!

BECAUSE OF
THE GLASSES

?

DOES THAT
MEAN I
LOOK ON
TOP OF
THINGS?!

HOW ARE WE
SUPPOSED
TO CHOOSE
THIS STUFF?
I DON'T
REALLY GET
IT.

HUH?



ALL RIGHT!
I'VE MADE
A FRIEND!

THAT'S A
GOOD OMEN,
RIGHT?!!

ME
EITHER!

REALLY?
WHERE
ARE YOU
FROM?

Well, it's
not that
far away,
but

No
way!



Hi!
WANT ME
TO HELP
YOU OUT?
I'M JUNPEI
TAZAKI!



YOICHI
NAKAGAWA.

THANKS, MAN.
I DON'T
KNOW ANY-
ONE HERE...



I'D NEVER
COOKED
BEFORE IN
MY LIFE...

MMM!
SO
GOOOD!

...BUT I
THINK I'M
GOING TO
ENJOY IT!



I CAN EAT
WHENEVER I
WANT, CHILL
WHENEVER I
WANT... THIS IS
THE BEST!

And no
fighting
over the
channel!

OOH! I'D
BETTER NOT
FORGET TO
WATCH
THAT DVD I
BORROWED!

SOLO
LIFE
RULES!

WHAT A
GREAT DAY.
I EVEN MADE
A FRIEND!

EVERYTHING
FEELS SO
FRESH AND
NEW. I
LOVE THIS.
♡





DID YOU
ALREADY
JOIN A
CLUB?

WANT TO
JOIN THE
MOVIE CLUB
WITH ME?

If you're
interested.



I WISH MY
FAMILY
COULD
HEAR HIM!

I'M SO
HAPPY!
YOICHI
GETS ME!

OH, THAT
REMINDS
ME.

HEE
HEE
HEE



THE WELCOME
PARTY IS
TONIGHT.
YOU SHOULD
COME.

Camping
and every-
thing.

Snow-
boarding
in winter

YEAH, I JOINED
UP ALREADY.
IT LOOKS LIKE
FUN. LOTS OF
ACTIVITIES.

MOVIE
CLUB?



I don't
care
what club
it is!
Sounds
like fun!

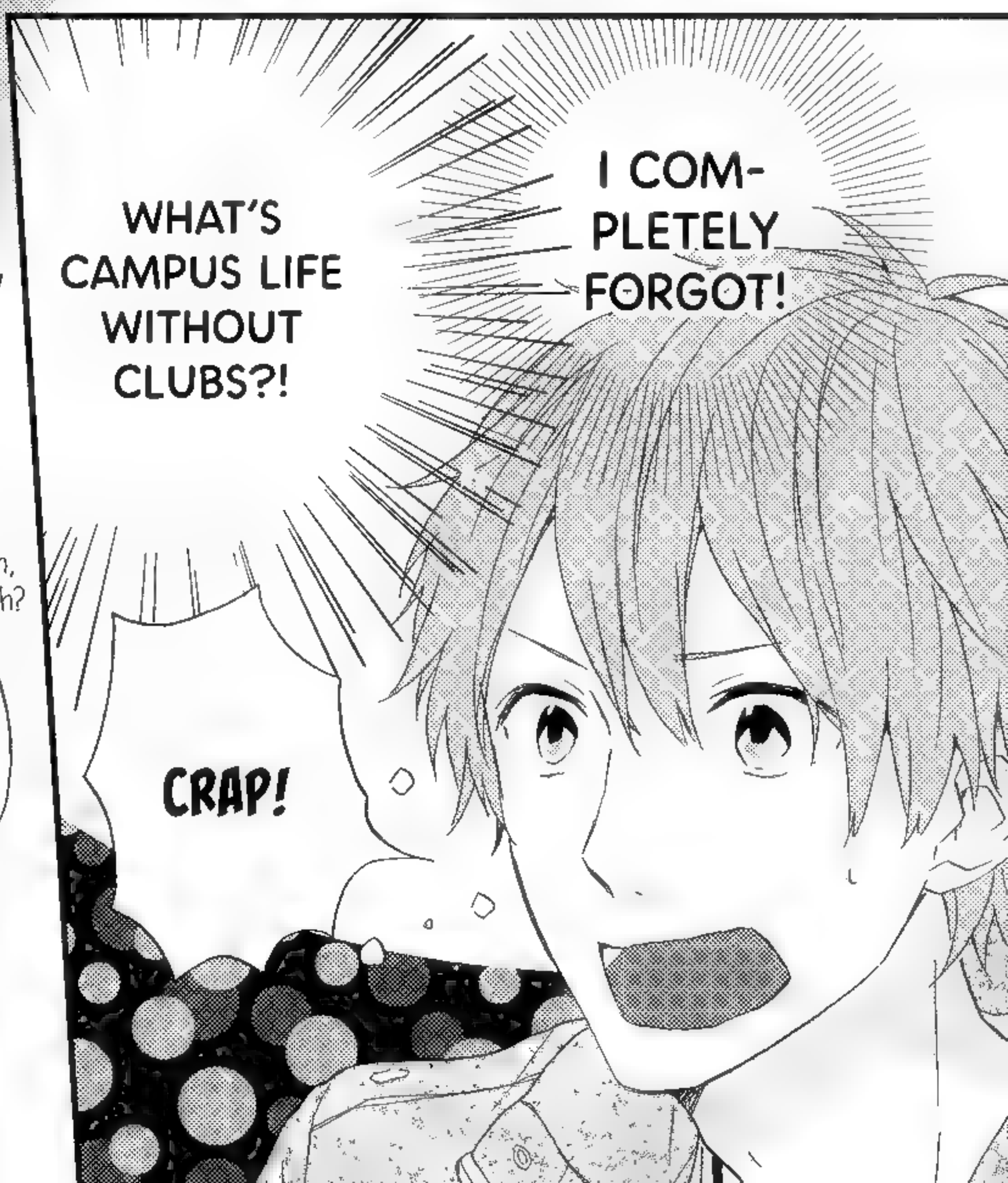
**YOU
BET I'LL
JOIN!**

✓

Oh,
yeah?

FOR
REAL?

Nice!



WHAT'S
CAMPUS LIFE
WITHOUT
CLUBS?!

I COM-
PLETELY
FORGOT!

CRAP!



OH YEAH, THIS
IS THE STUFF!
STUDYING AND
HOUSEWORK
IS OKAY...

...BUT YOU
NEED TIME
TO CUT
LOOSE
TOO!

HA HA HA
Check out
my Bright
Noa im-
pression!
"Why
shouldn't I
slap you?"
GYA
That's
nothing
like
him!
Penalty
time!
HA HA HA

PUT YOUR
LITTLE
FINGER
DOWN!

I'M JUNPEI
TAZAKI, I'M A
FRESHMAN,
AND I'M GONNA
SING THAT
SONG FROM
ARMAGEDDON!

AT
LEAST
SAY THE
SONG
TITLE!

Weird!



FWOMP

LAUNDRY
CAN WAIT
UNTIL
TOMORROW.

WHEW!
THAT PARTY
GOT WILD.

Even though
I didn't
drink!



AFTER
THAT...

IT REALLY
WAS SUCH
A GOOD
TIME...



THIS
IS THE
BEST!



NOT TO MENTION...

...AND I FELT BEHIND ON MY COURSE-
WORK.

BUT THIS ALSO MEANT I WAS AT MY PLACE LESS...

...AND EVERY DAY WAS FUN.

I STARTED HANGING OUT WITH THE CLUB ALL THE TIME...



Ugh.

What a hassle

I warned you! No way!
Now you can commute to college from home, my silly son!

NO

NO... THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF CRISIS...

IT'LL BE A WHILE TILL MY NEXT ALLOWANCE. MAYBE I COULD ASK FOR MORE...

THIS IS BAD. DID I PARTY TOO HARD?



THANK
YOU,
SIR!

ONE MORE
THING, SIR!

GOOD
TO HAVE
YOU
ABOARD,
KID.

...I HAVE
TO OVER-
COME
MYSELF!



OF
COURSE
NOT, SIR!

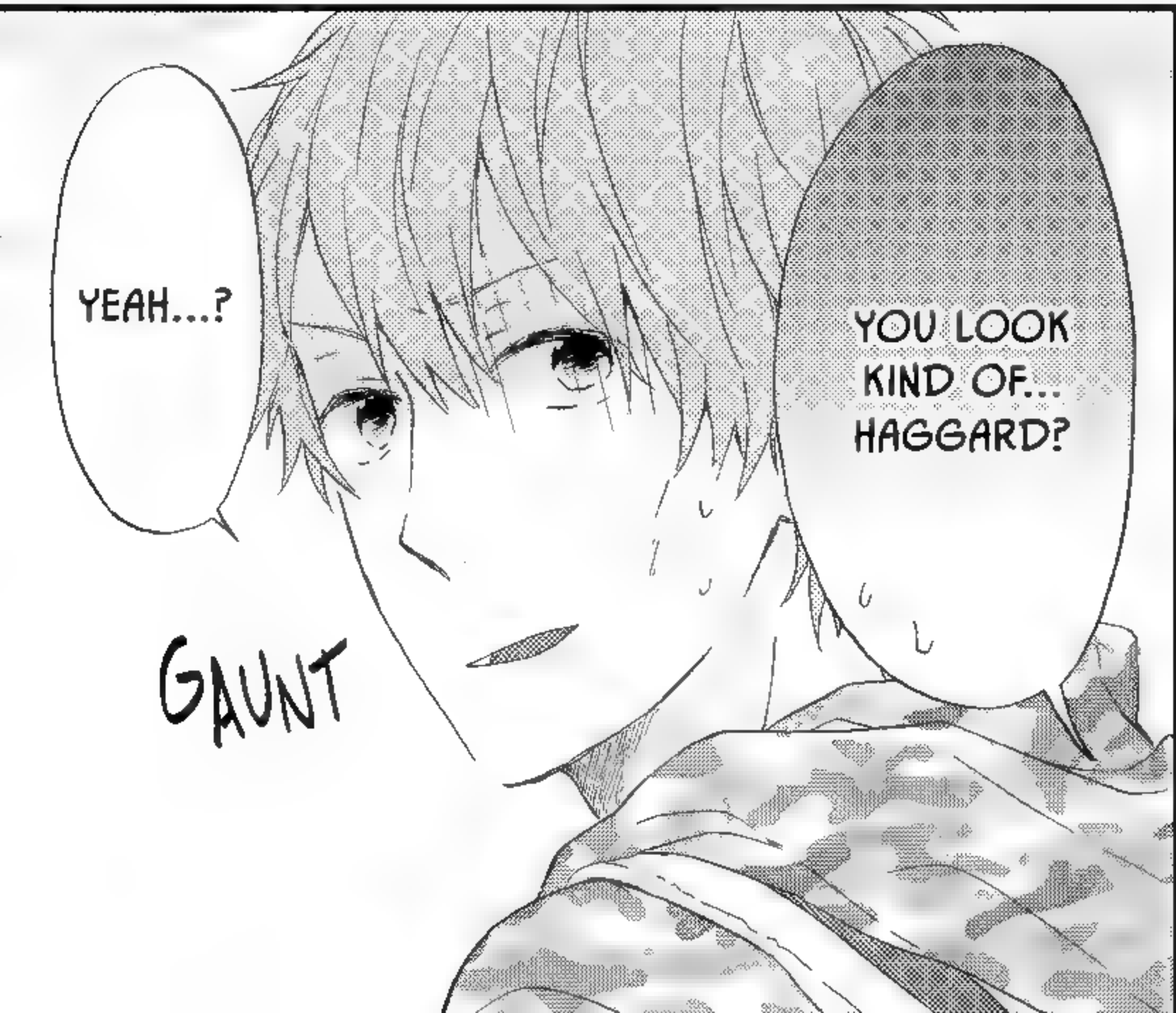
NO.

CAN I GET AN
ADVANCE ON
MY WAGES?



HI,
JUNPEI.

UH...



YEAH...?

GAUNT

YOU LOOK
KIND OF...
HAGGARD?

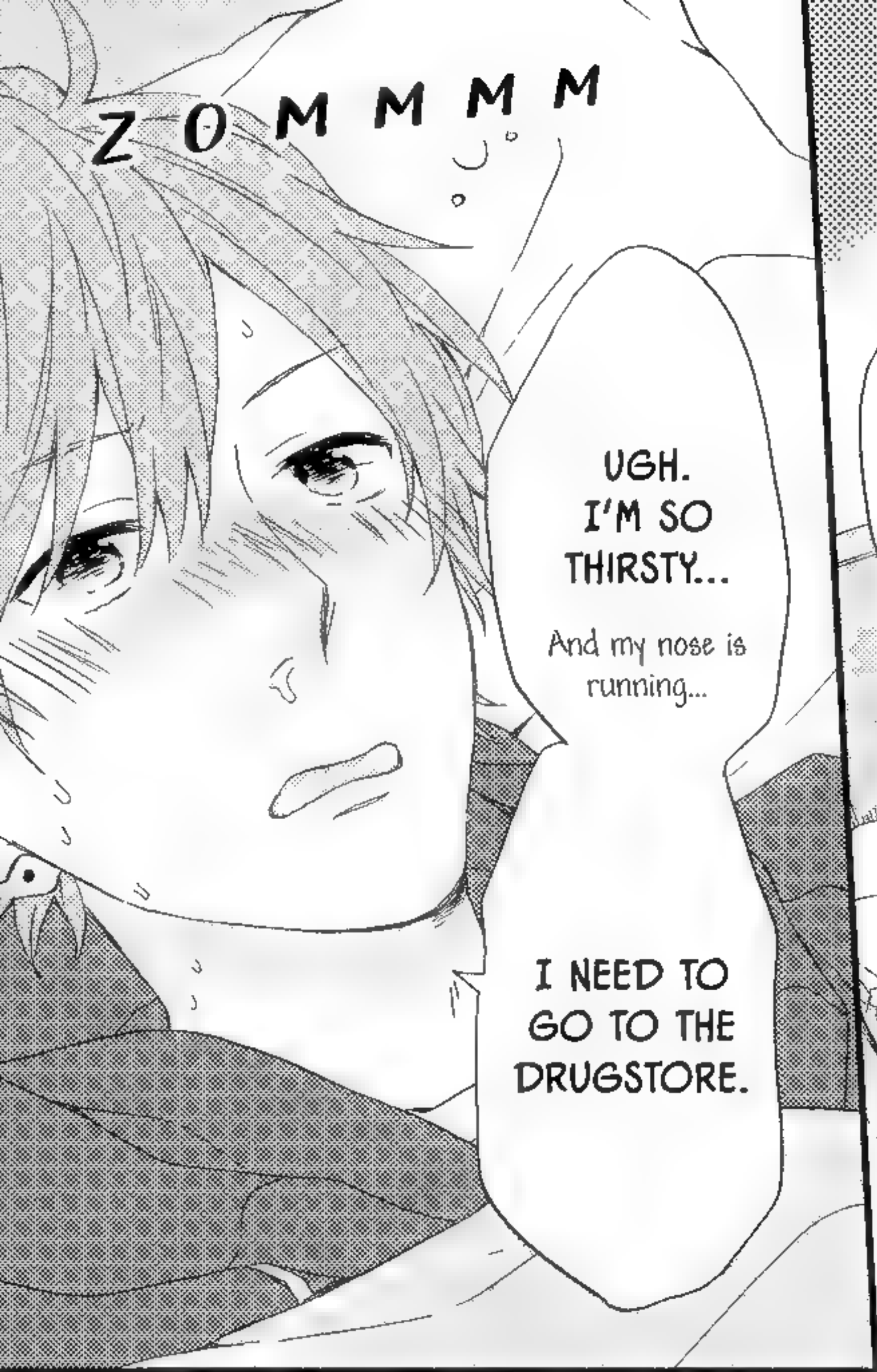


OH, WELL.
I'LL JUST
LIVE OFF
EXPIRED
STOCK
FROM HERE
FOR A
WHILE.

IT
WON'T
BE SO
BAD.

Welcome!





UGH.
I'M SO
THIRSTY...

And my nose is
running...

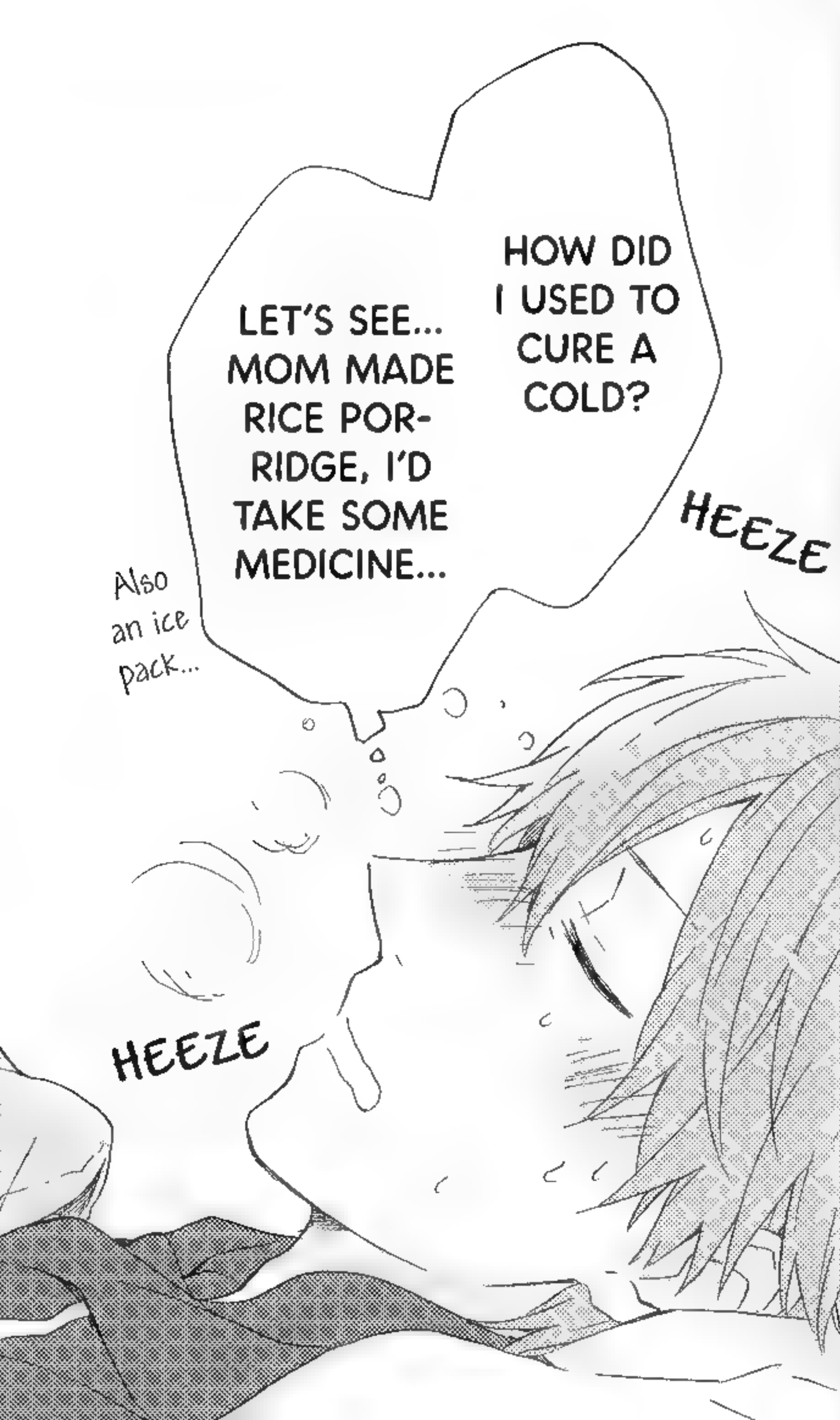
I NEED TO
GO TO THE
DRUGSTORE.



WHEN WAS
THE LAST
TIME I RAN
A FEVER
THIS HIGH?

Junior
high?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT.



LET'S SEE...
MOM MADE
RICE POR-
RIDGE, I'D
TAKE SOME
MEDICINE...

Also
an ice
pack...

HOW DID
I USED TO
CURE A
COLD?

HEEZE



I SHOULD'VE
TAKEN
BETTER CARE
OF MYSELF...

Sorry,
self.

THIS IS
BAD.

I can't
get up.

HEEZE

HEEZE

I THOUGHT
LIVING ON
MY OWN
WAS FUN,
BUT...

...THIS IS
TOUGH.

H
E
E
Z
E

RIGHT...
EVERYTHING
USED TO BE
DONE FOR
ME.

DOING
EVERY-
THING
YOURSELF
IS NO
JOKE.

I'M
DYING...

H
E
E
Z
E

I WANT
TO GO
HOME...

B
L
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B

OH,
MAN...

Yeah,
it's
fine

Are
you
sure?

C
H
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M
P

HELLO?

YOU NEED
TO LOCK
YOUR
DOOR.

JUNPEI!
WE'RE
COMING
IN!

D
O
M
P



I DECIDED TO DROP BY ON MY DATE TO SEE HOW YOU ARE.

YOU DIDN'T LOOK GOOD THE OTHER DAY.

That's trespassing

YOU....!

DON'T TRY TO GET UP.



SORRY FOR BARGING IN LIKE THIS.

I KNEW IT. OUT FOR THE COUNT.



WANT MY GIRLFRIEND TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING?

YOU MUST BE STARVING.

I DON'T MIND!



Let you know?

NEXT TIME, LET ME KNOW BEFORE IT GETS THIS BAD.

Don't just tough it out.

Good thing I came by.

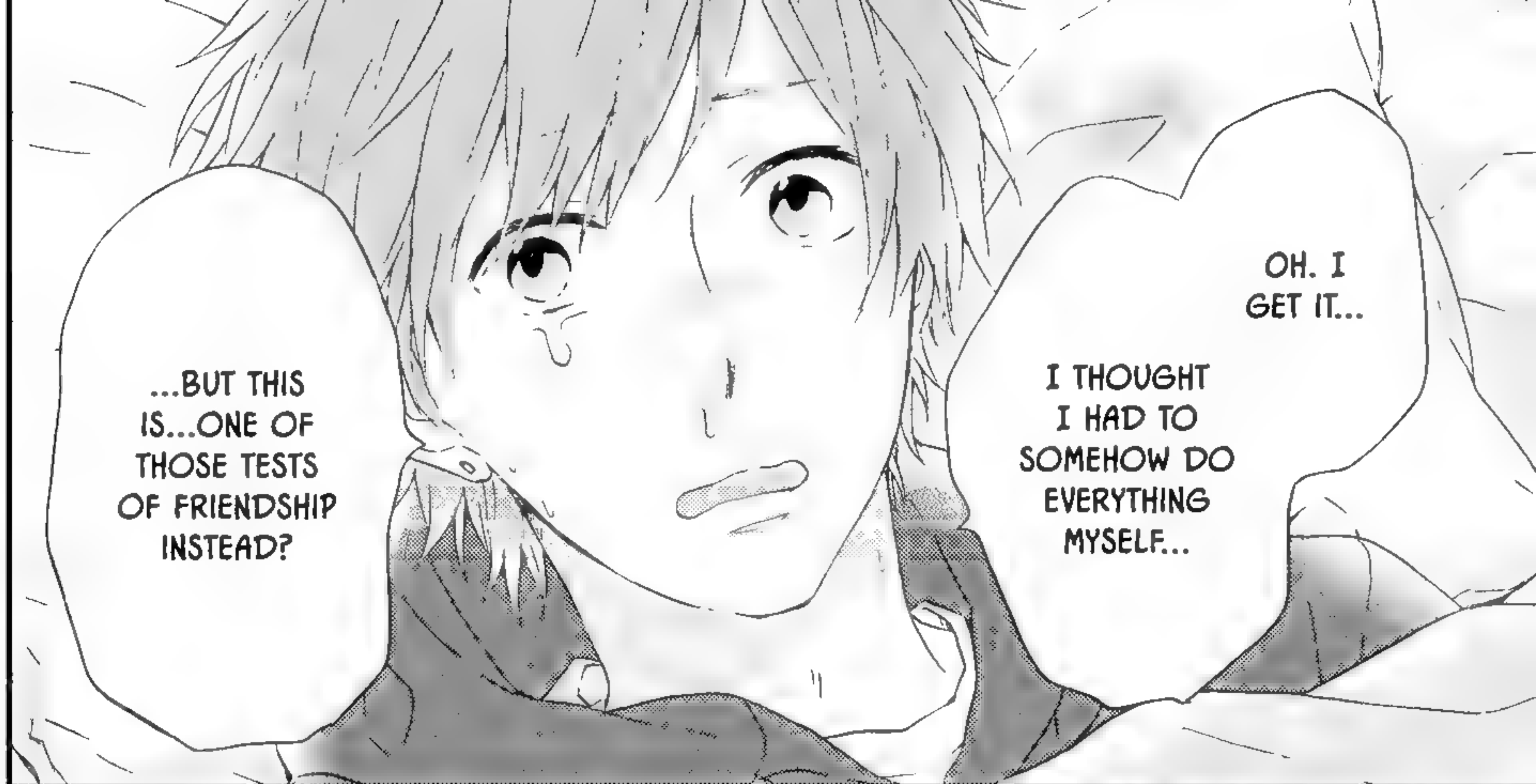
SHUP

NAH, JUST LUCKY.

SHUP

WHAT ARE YOU, A PSYCHIC?!

KOFF A KOFF H



...BUT THIS IS...ONE OF THOSE TESTS OF FRIENDSHIP INSTEAD?

OH. I GET IT...

I THOUGHT I HAD TO SOMEHOW DO EVERYTHING MYSELF...



JUST BORROWING YOUR KITCHEN!

I'LL MAKE SOME RICE PORRIDGE!

You're really in a bad way, huh?

OKAY, LET'S NOT GET TOO DRAMATIC.

DEAR MOM,

COLLEGE LIFE...

...ISN'T ALL FUN...

...BUT I'M DOING OKAY.

EXCEPT FOR THIS COLD.

She's an angel.

GO AHEAD! SHE'S NICE... I MIGHT FALL FOR HER.

YOU'D BETTER NOT!

Or I'm leaving!

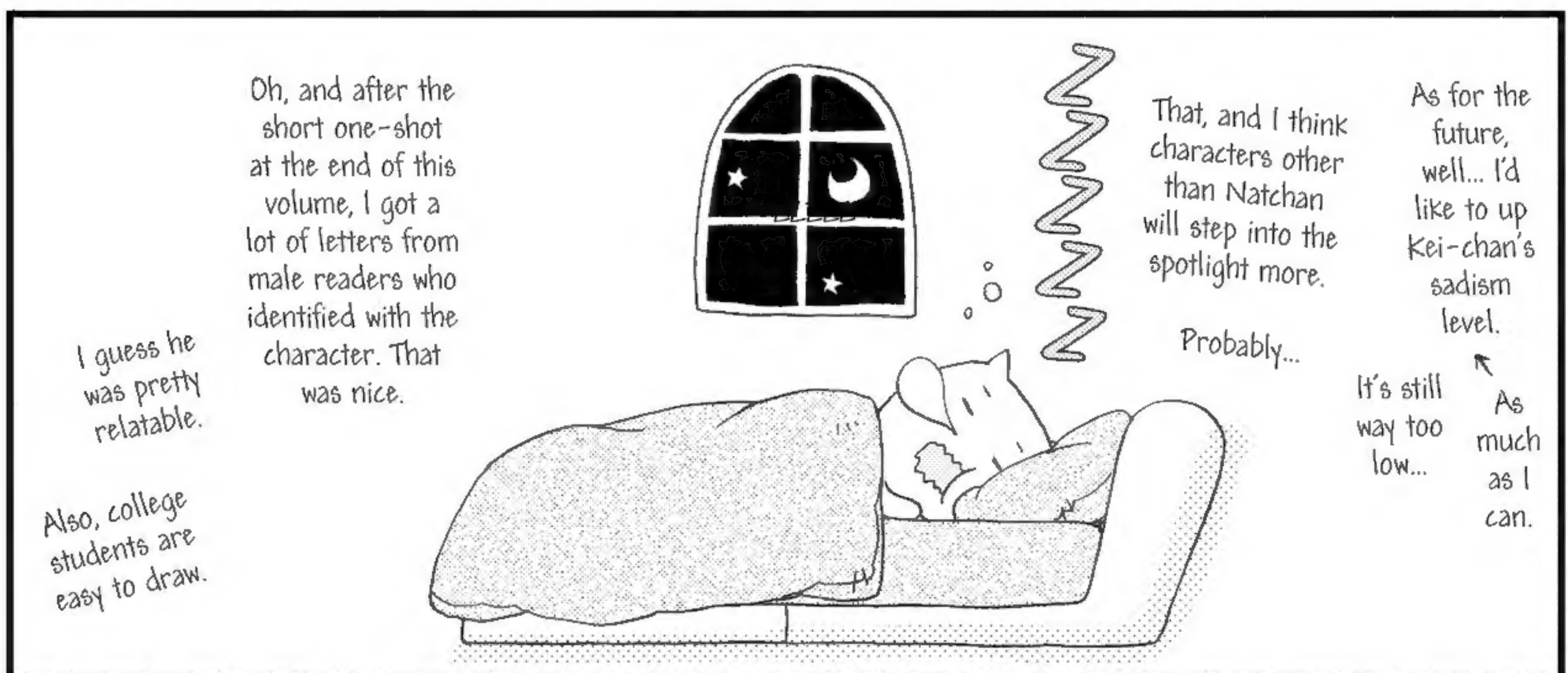
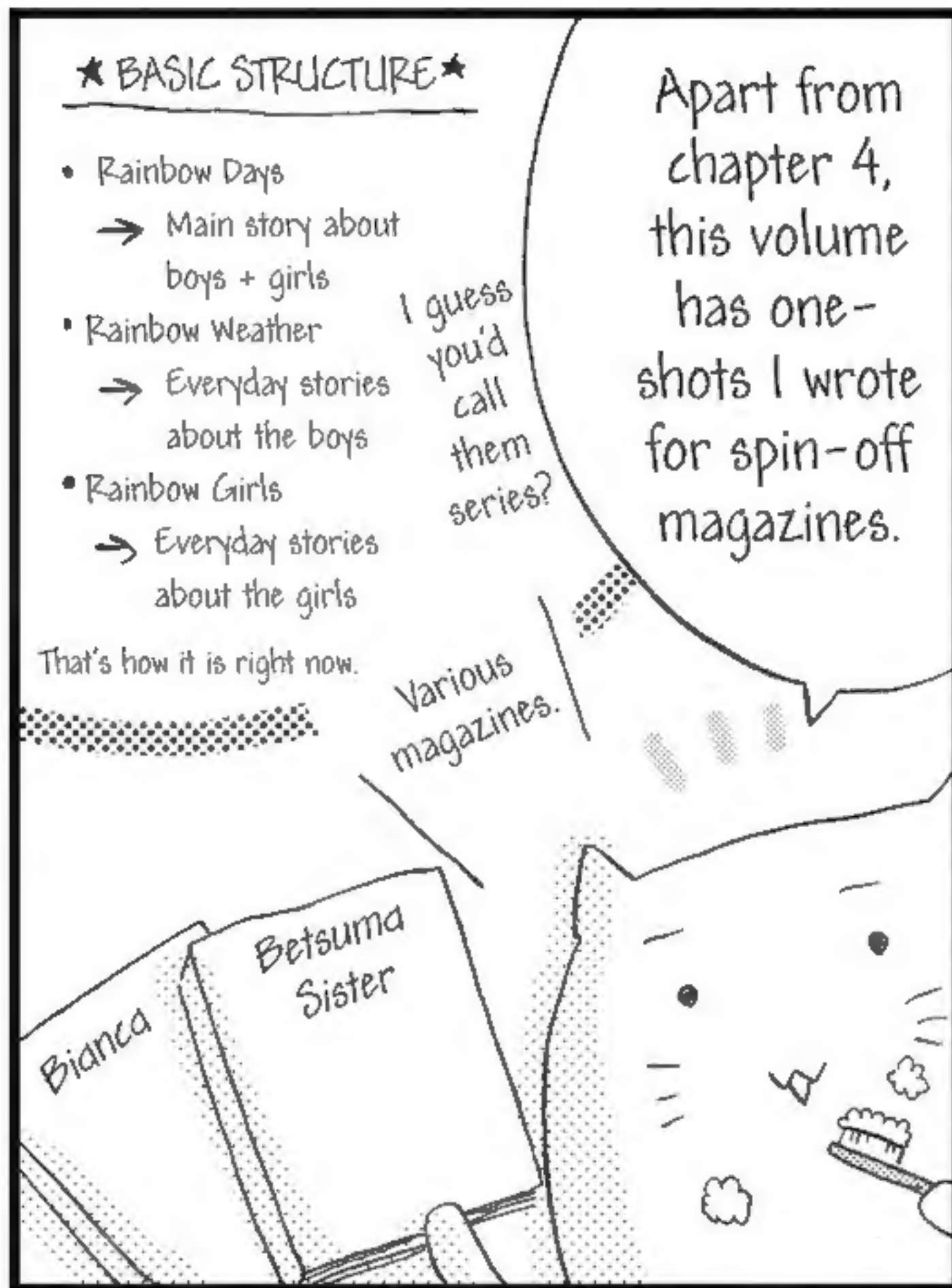
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KOFF

KOFF

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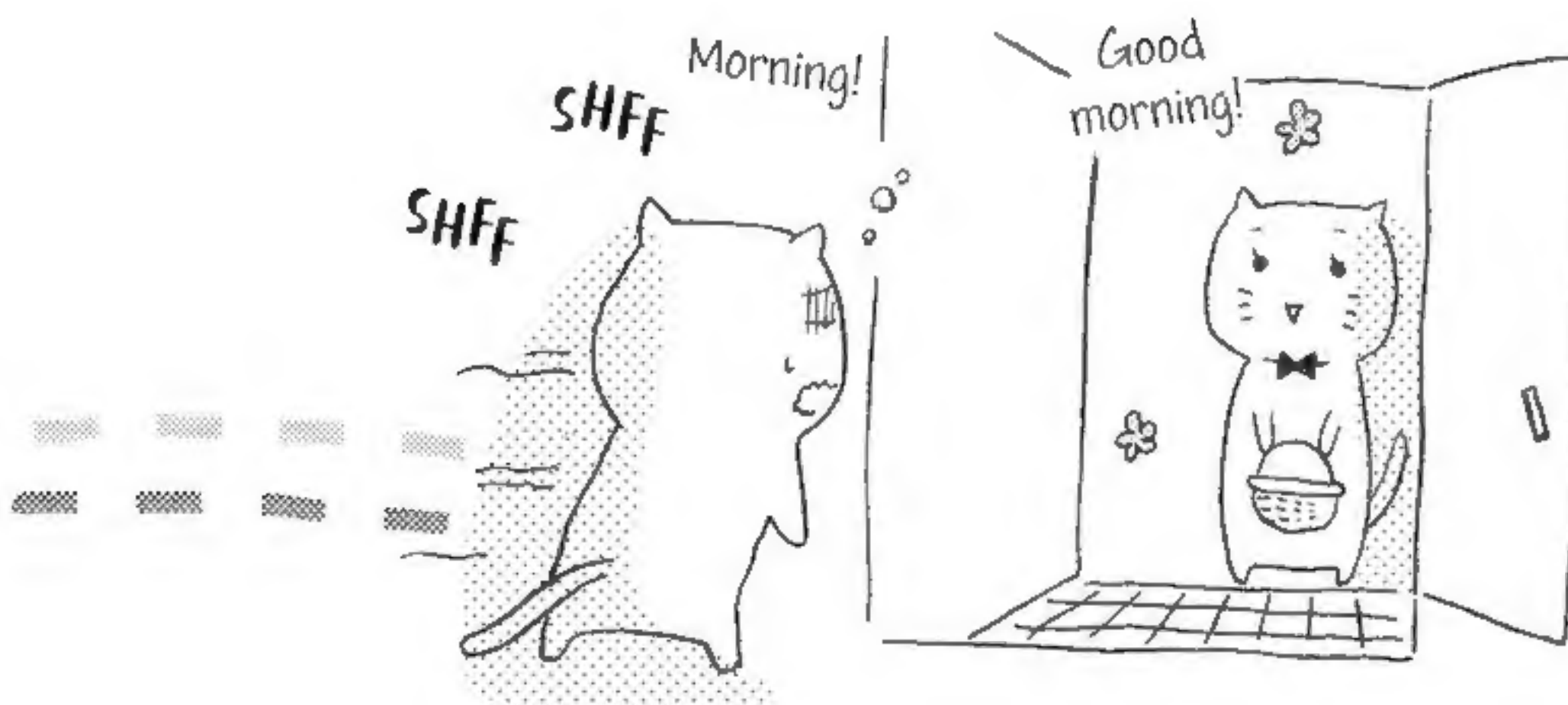
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When it comes to snacks to go with drinks,
I'm 100 percent in the savory camp. Barley or
sweet potato shochu plus shiokara is an unbeatable
combination. People say I sound like an old man, but
it's really delicious! Incidentally, I can't drink beer.

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